

Nursery Newsletter

Spring 1 ~ 2019



Happy New Year!

We hope you have had an incredible Christmas and are ready for a super Spring term!

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Welcome to our new starters.

We are very excited to welcome you and your grown ups to Nursery.

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Whilst some children will settle easily, others may need a little more help. Please rest assured we are here to make sure you and your children feel happy and secure, so if you feel you need any advice or just to chat please pop in ~ you are welcome any time.

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Super Savers

Thank you to everyone who sends in their 50p every week. It is really appreciated, and we make sure it goes straight back into Nursery activities, most recently buying the ingredients for all our lovely baking activities.



Remember to wrap up warm in the cold winter weather, with all items of clothing named please (so they can be returned if misplaced!)

Thanks

This half term we are focusing on seasons and thinking about how the world around us changes from Autumn and Winter to Spring and Summer.



We are going to enjoy three special traditional tales: Goldilocks and the three bears, The enormous turnip and The three little pigs.



There will be lots of opportunities for the children to develop their imagination so remember to ask them about what we have been doing at school - and to send in a WOW star to share their successes at home!



Here are some other activities that you can enjoy at home to support your child's learning...

Communication, Language and Literacy

Enjoy sharing story books, from your book bag, the library or you own collections. Talk about the pictures and *where* the story is happening. Is it somewhere we know or is the setting somewhere we have not been ourselves?

Play silly rhyming games e.g. make up silly rhyming strings that go with your name e.g. Mrs Fagan, sagan, magan, wagan...

Physical development

We continue to work on having a correct, comfortable pencil grip, so keep reminding your child to fix their grip when they are 'writing', drawing or colouring.

As you go about your daily life have fun with movement challenges! Can they slither, shuffle, roll, crawl, run, hop along?

Personal, Social and Emotional development

Talk about your child's day when you pick them up from school or the child minder. They may forget what they have been busy with, so use little prompts such as, 'What was your special job today with your special grown up?'

Play games with the children's new toys, encouraging them to tidy up when they are finished!

Maths

Explore number problems in a fun way. For example, count out four apples...eat one! What has happened to the amount? ...It has got smaller/ less.

Or, Put out 2 forks at tea time...add two more. What has happened to the amount of forks? ...It has become more.

We are not working on formal addition or subtraction, but gaining an awareness that amounts change as we add to take things away from a set of objects, and encouraging the language more and less.

Understanding the world

As we think about seasons talk about the different activities you and your family enjoy at different times of the year e.g. going to the park in the Spring or sledging in the Winter.

Talk about how we can care for animals in the winter time. Could you build a hedgehog house? Or perhaps get a bird feeder for the garden?

Expressive arts and designs

Act out the traditional tales we are enjoying this half term. Focus on using the repetitive refrains in your role play e.g. *I'll huff and I'll puff...* from The Three Little Pigs. Can you use things around the house for props e.g. borrow mums different sized bowls to act out Goldilocks...*but be careful not to break them!*

Draw pictures of the characters in our lovely stories, remembering to have the correct pencil grip!



Thank you for all your efforts with homework challenges. Keep enjoying them and the stories in your book bags.