

# Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2 ~ 2019



## Welcome back to Nursery!

We hope you have had a restful half term and are ready for more fun activities at Nursery. We are so proud of how settled and interested the children are, and we know we know we are going to have a lot of fun in the lead up to Christmas. If you would like to know more about what we are learning please come and speak to us and take a look on our website.

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## Homework and WOW stars

★ ★ We are so thrilled that we have had such a good response to our WOW stars. Thank you for sharing all the children's lovely learning and proud moments from home. The children love to share and to have their moment in the spotlight, so please keep sending them in!



We will start sending out homework this week, which might sound a bit scary in Nursery! Our aim is to give you a taste of what we are learning through a quick, practical activity, that we hope you will enjoy together. Please let us know how you get on by sending in a WOW star!



### **\*Hats, scarves and gloves\***

With the colder weather approaching please make sure your child is dressed for the weather as we try to go outdoors every day. Don't worry, we have some spare hats and gloves and always provide waterproofs when needed.

*\*Also remember to please put names in every item of clothing.*

*Thank you!*

This half term our topic is all about me!

We will be thinking about ourselves now and when we were babies.

**PLEASE COULD WE ASK YOU TO SEND IN A NAMED BABY PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD TO SHARE WITH THEIR FRIENDS.**

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

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

Take a trip to the local library and choose a lovely story to share. Talk about what happens in the story, what they like best and who their favourite character is.

Make the most of the wet weather and draw with sticks in mud. Can the children make the 'squiggle' shapes we practice every day?

### **Physical development**

Draw a picture of your family. Remember to remind your children to hold their pencil with the correct grip (with two fingers and thumb).

As the weather gets colder and the children need to be wrapped up warm, support them to be able to put on their coats and gloves by themselves—when they succeed, please send us a WOW star!

### **Personal, Social and Emotional development**

Play simple games or complete jigsaw puzzles together, taking turns and sharing. Help your child to wait until it is their turn, praising them when they wait.

Talk about your child's feelings—help them to know when they are happy, sad and proud. Help them to recognise their feelings and to name those feelings.

### **Maths**

Counting as you go! Count the cutlery as you lay the table, count the red cars you pass on the way to school, count the shoes in the hall when everyone has come home from school. Remind the children to say the numbers in the right order!

Sorting the socks—encourage the children to look for patterns and colours to match your families socks. Help them to name the colours as they go.

### **Understanding the world**

Talk about what the children were like as babies. What did they look like? (share photos) What could they do and not do? What was their first word? What was their favourite food? Enjoy remembering together.

Talk about how you and your family will celebrate Christmas and how other people they know celebrate in different ways.

### **Expressive arts and designs**

Build a shoe-box house. What will it look like? Will it look like your house? Could you colour or paint it to look like your house? Use your toys to pretend a family lives there.

Enjoy singing your favourite songs together, whether they are Nursery Rhymes or Christmas songs to celebrate the upcoming festive season! Add body percussion (clapping, knee drums) to your singing to enhance your family band!

We will end the half term with our own special Christmas festivities!

**The Nursery and Reception performances will be on Monday 16th December at 9.30am for morning children and 2.15pm for afternoon children.**

*\*Parents of full time children may choose which performance to attend.*

**Our Nursery Christmas parties will be on Wednesday 18th December**

**Children will come to school in their party clothes and enjoy a morning/afternoon of party fun!**

***\*Don't worry we'll remind you again nearer the time!***

