

# Nursery Newsletter

Spring 1 ~ 2020



## Happy New Year!

We hope you have had an fantastic Christmas and are ready for a splendid Spring term!

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Hello to our new starters!

We are very excited to welcome you and your grown ups to Nursery and look forward to sharing lots of fun with you.

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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. We will be using the funds to help us set up our bird feeding station, helping us to learn about animals in winter and how to help care for them.



Remember to wrap up warm in the cold winter weather. Please make sure all items of clothing are named so they can be returned if misplaced!



Thank you



This half term our topic is seasons and weather. We look forward to finding out about different types of weather in winter, spring, summer and autumn—we even cross fingers for a sprinkling of snow! We will learn about animals and their homes in winter and develop a bird feeding station.

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 your 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 turn taking games with your 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? ...The amount 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 working on 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 design

Act out your favourite stories, or stories you enjoy from your book bag. Can you use things around the house to make props for your story? e.g. use different sized bowls to act out Goldilocks or hats and scarves to tell a winter story.

Draw pictures of the characters in stories you have enjoyed. Remember you need 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.