

Class 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1 ~ 2022

Hello and welcome to Nursery!

For some of our families it is a brand new hello and for others it is a welcome back! It is wonderful to see all the children, and we have enjoyed hearing about their super summer adventures. We are very proud of how well the children have settled in—we know this is a big step for them, and for you!



We look forward to enjoying activities in school with our families throughout the year, and will keep you informed about these events. We would also love to know what is going on in your little one's life at home, and invite you to share this by filling in one of your 'WOW stars'. We will share these with the class and display them to celebrate exciting experiences and achievements at home.

If you ever have any questions or would like to know more about life in Early Years, please do ring or ask at the end of the school day—we are happy to help you in any way we can.

😊 YOUR EARLY YEARS TEAM 😊

Mrs Fagan—Class 1 teacher and Early Years Lead

Mrs Johnson—Class 1 teacher

Miss Rooke—Class 2 teacher

Mr Patey—teaching assistant, sports coach, forest schools lead and emotional wellbeing support

Mrs Wilson—teaching assistant and emotional wellbeing support

Miss Soulsby—teaching assistant

*Your child will enjoy working with their class teacher, as well as the rest of our Early Years team!
We are all enjoying getting to know our Early Years children.*

NAMES IN EVERYTHING



Please make sure your child's name is in all their clothes and shoes so that we are able to return any lost property promptly.

Many thanks.

Book bags and homework



All of our children are provided with a book bag and reading record, which we ask you to sign and comment in so we can see how your child is progressing at home. We ask that **ALL** Nursery children bring their book bag to school every **MONDAY**. The children will choose a picture book to take home and enjoy for the week. The children will bring their book bags home again on **Tuesday**.

Our aim is that the children share this 'reading for pleasure' book with you 5 times throughout the week, and there is more information in their reading record about this.

On **THURSDAY** we will send home a homework challenge. These may be 'chatterbox challenges', or linked to Maths or Physical Development. These short activities will give you a flavour of what we are working on in school through the a game or challenge to enjoy together.

You do not need to fill anything in, but you can let us know how your child got on by sending in a 'WOW' star—we always love to hear from home!

We have lots of lovely activities planned for this half term.

Class 1 will have a special focus on Nursery Rhymes.



We will be enjoying **Twinkle twinkle little star**, **Humpty Dumpty**, **Incy Wincey spider**, **Two little dickie birds** and **Hickory Dickory Dock**.

Please enjoy singing these rhymes at home too.

All our children will have opportunities to learn through their play, with exciting and interesting activities, games and challenges throughout their day.

Underpinning everything we do will be a strong focus on 'communication and language'—talking to the children about what they are doing, teaching them new words and helping them to use new words when they talk and when explaining their thinking.



We will also be enjoying a different book hook every week—getting to know our stories really well—joining in refrains, sharing our thoughts about the characters and storylines, and deciding if we would recommend this book to our friends!



Some ideas to support your child at home...

Reading and sharing stories

Enjoy story books together—snuggle up in a quiet space to enjoy your books. Try to make sure there are no distractions.

Talk about what the children see in the pictures. Ask...

Who is in the story?

Where is the story happening?
What do you think is going to happen next?

Ask your child to re-tell the story, but please help them to remember if they find it tricky.

*Remember, you can borrow lots of lovely story books from South Moor library.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

Help your child to settle into school by supporting school routines. Even if they seem a little upset when you drop them off, try to be cheery with them. We will make sure they are well looked after, and please feel free to ring school to check that they are ok.

Ask about your child's day and share in the excitement of their new adventure. They probably won't remember much! - but you can use gentle prompts such as 'did you play outside?' or 'did you enjoy some milk or snack today?' to start a conversation.

Developing resilience

Sometimes our children will find things difficult and that is ok. We want to help them become 'resilient'—to know that making mistakes or being challenged is something that we all face and we can 'bounce back' from this.

Help your child by encouraging them when something is hard. For example, if they cannot fit a jigsaw piece into a puzzle but cannot work out what to do, encourage them to think of ways to fix this problem. Let them try their ideas and praise them for 'having a go' even if it doesn't work. Talk to them about their ideas and make other suggestions to try, helping them to solve their problem.

We look forward to a wonderful half term together.
Please look at our school website for more information
or speak to your child's class teacher.



As you know we are enjoying
learning some special
Nursery Rhymes this half term.

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Please have fun sharing them
at home as well.



Twinkle twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.



Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the kings horses and all the kings men,
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Hickory dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory dickory dock.



Two little dickie birds sitting on a wall,
One called Peter, one called Paul.
Fly away Peter, fly away Paul,
Come back Peter, come back Paul.



Incey Wincey spider climbed up the water spout,
Down came the rain and washed the spider out!
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,
So Incey Wincey spider climbed up the spout again.