

Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We are so incredibly excited to welcome our lovely new children and their families to our Nursery Class. All of our learning will be play based, fun and engaging with your child's needs at the centre of all that we do.

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term. As you can see, we're going to be very busy!

In our topic 'Winter Wonderland and starry night', we will be learning about seasonal changes during the winter and we will be finding out which animals live in the Antarctic. Added to this we will be looking at the differences between day and night!

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak with us.

Home Learning:

Activities will continue to be sent home termly. Children only need to complete a maximum of one homework task each week. Homework books to be given to Class teachers on Friday's and they will be returned the same day.

Home Reading:

All children will be sent home with a picture book to discuss what's happening in the pictures on each page.

We ask that children are read with 5 times a week. Once you have read with your child we ask you leave a note or sign in their diary.

Wellie Wednesday's

We love our Wellie Wednesdays and Forest school sessions, where we learn outdoors all day. We will be continuing through this term!

We strongly encourage children to come dressed warmly on Wednesdays as they will be outside for the majority of the day.

Please bring wellies and waterproofs in a carrier bag for the children to leave on their pegs for the term.

If, it is cold children will need to wear hat, scarves and gloves. It helps us immensely if these are named and also means if they get lost we can usually unite them with their rightful owner.





PE

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. We are asking that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure your child is wearing no jewellery on these days.

This term we will be doing dance and manipulation and coordination in PE where we will be looking at balls skills.

PSHE:

In PSHE our topic is 'being me in my World we will be focusing on:

- our own dreams and goals
- Different feelings and emotions when we achieve our goals
- Our responsibilities
- Discussing how we can help others.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be looking at different materials and exploring colour and the application of paint.

In Music the children will be listening to different songs and singing songs with instruments. Finally, the children will be experimenting with different ways of moving.

Mathematics

The children will be :

- Say one number name for each item (1,2,3,4,5)
- Subitising to 3
- Number composition of 3,4 and 5
- Recognising Shapes (square, rectangle, triangle and pentagon)

RE:

This half term our topic is ' being special: where do we belong? '

We will be focusing on Christianity, Hindu Dharma and Islam. Children will reflect upon the things that are special to them and why they value these things.

Understanding of the World:

In our topic 'Winter wonderland and starry night , we will be exploring the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world when they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals. During the Winter wonderland topic, we will be looking at changes that happen during Winter and places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there.

Phonics:

This half term the children will continue on phase 2 sounds. They will be revisiting the sounds from the Autumn Term (s,a,t,p,l,n,m) and learning new letter sounds (d, g,o,c,k,ck,e) We will begin to blend CVC words together– for example s-a-t.

The children will continue to name the letter sounds in their name and begin to trace/ copy these letters.

English:

In English this half term our focus story is ' Lets all creep through the crocodile creek' . The children will be naming the different parts of the book and drawing and discussing characters from the story. The children will begin to hear initial sounds from their phase 2 phonics and begin to write these sounds down. At the end of the term the child will be re– telling and acting out the story!