

Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Nursery for the Spring Term!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting Spring term ahead! This is such an exciting time of year, and we can't wait to explore the new season, along with lots of fun activities and fresh learning opportunities.

This half term, we'll be focusing on creativity, curiosity, and adventure as we dive into new topics, celebrate special events, and continue to support your child's development through play and exploration.

Enclosed with this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning planned for this Spring term. We're looking forward to a fantastic start to the year and to another term of growth and discovery together!

Wellie Wednesday's

Wellie Wednesday – Spring

We're excited to continue **Wellie Wednesday** this Spring term – a special weekly day dedicated to outdoor learning, Forest School activities, and PE. .

Please make sure your child comes to school every Wednesday in their **PE kit**, and brings a **named bag** containing

- A pair of wellies
- Warm, weather-appropriate clothing** (including waterproofs, extra layers, and a hat)

Being dressed appropriately for the weather helps children stay warm, dry, and comfortable so they can fully enjoy the day's activities.

Our Forest School approach encourages curiosity, resilience, and a love of the outdoors. With springtime bringing new plants, warmer days, and lots of muddy fun, we can't wait to see what the children will explore each week!



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 13th January 9-9:30am Parent phonics workshop (Parents to come in school to watch their children do phonics)

Wednesday 4th February Children will have a picnic afternoon

Friday 13th February Chinese New year wow 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.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday and Friday**. 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 learning gymnastics through fun movement activities. The children will practise balancing, jumping, rolling, and travelling in different ways. They will also take part in co-operative games where they learn to share, take turns, and work together to solve simple problems.

PSHE:

Our PSHE focus this term is Dreams and Goals. Through play and discussion, the children will explore what they'd like to learn, practise setting simple goals, and recognise how good it feels to try their best and accomplish something new.

Expressive Art and Design

During the Spring term, our focus on Creating with Materials will give the children opportunities to explore spring colours, natural objects, and different tools and techniques. In Being Imaginative and Expressive, the children will bring their ideas to life through storytelling, small-world play, music, and creative movement inspired by the changing season.

Mathematics

This half term the children will be :

- Show different amounts in a fives frame
- Subitising 1-3
- Discussing 2D shapes (triangle, square, rectangle, circle)
- Match numeral to quantity

RE:

The unit explores what it means to be *special* through storytelling, role-play, and discussions about naming ceremonies, welcoming rituals, and family practices from various faiths, including Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Children are encouraged to reflect on their own experiences of being welcomed and valued, whether through birthdays, baptisms, baby-naming traditions, or other family customs.

Understanding of the World:

This half term our topic is Lets Explore and build it up..

This project teaches children about the environments that they share with others, including their homes, school and places in the local community.

The build it up project teaches children about structures and materials and gives them the opportunity to work in groups to create collaborative structures.

Phonics:

Phase 2 Phonics focuses on building a strong foundation for reading and writing. During this phase, children will learn to recognise and say a new sound each week. This terms sounds will be (d,g,o,c,k,e

We will be re capping the sounds from Autumn (S, A, T, P, I, and N)

English:

This half term in Literacy, our focus story is '**Naughty Bus**'.

In Literacy, we will be exploring the story *Naughty Bus*. The children will enjoy retelling the story, acting out the Naughty Bus's adventures, and creating their own imaginative journeys. This book is perfect for developing language, sequencing skills, and a love of storytelling. The children will be drawing the different parts of the story.