



Nursery Newsletter

Spring Term 1



Here is a summary of what and how your child will be learning this half term:

We had a really busy first term in Nursery and are pleased with how well all of the children have settled in. We offer a warm welcome to our new children and families and wish you all a happy new year!

The routine of the nursery sessions cover all seven areas of learning included in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The children participate in independent, self-chosen activities which are planned for and purposeful. Our pre-school children take part in a range of small group adult-led activities each week; of course the younger children can choose to join in too if they wish! We have a song time, snack time and story time each session.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)

The children will be encouraged to interact with a range of children as they learn through their play.

Communication & Language (CL)

The children will be encouraged to answer questions about our school and routines.

Physical Development (PD)

Children will be encouraged to develop their fine and gross motor skills through using a range of tools and equipment. The children will visit the school hall to explore the equipment there too.

Literacy

The children will be encouraged to answer questions about stories they have heard. They will begin to recognise familiar logos, symbols and words that are significant to them. Children will be encouraged to mark make and give meaning to the marks they make.

Maths

Children will be encouraged to develop an understanding of numbers. They will spend time exploring size and times of day as well as sorting objects into groups.

Understanding the World (UW)

Children will be encouraged to explore the natural world as they spend time in our outdoor area and forest school.

Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)

The children will explore a range of art materials and techniques.

Phonics

The children participate in activities from Phase One of the Letters and Sounds documents produced by the Government. This half-term the focus will be body percussion and rhythm and rhyme.

We Are Stars

We will soon be sending home a star for you to be able to tell us something exciting your child has done at home. This could be linked to a sports club/ activity, something they have learnt to do i.e. dress themselves or anything else you would like to tell us about!



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Staffing

From the start of this term Mrs Lyons has joined the nursery team as a full time member of staff.

Explore Outdoors

The children really enjoy our weekly Explore Outdoors sessions on Thursday afternoons. They will continue this half-term and your child will need to bring a rucksack / bag with wellies and, if you have one, an all-in-one suit. Explore Outdoors happens in all-weather so please be mindful of this when considering whether to send a change of clothes for your child on Thursdays.

Library books

Please ensure you return library books to be changed regularly.

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch please ensure they have a drink in their lunchbox. Water is provided in the nursery building throughout the day but the children eat their lunch in the main school hall.

Nappies & Toilet Training

If your child is in nappies we ask that you provide plenty of nappies, wipes and nappy bags in your child's bag each day. If you are starting the process of toilet training please speak to your child's key worker to ensure we are working together on this.

General Notes and Reminders

If you would like to see a copy of the Nursery contract which you signed when your child started Nursery please speak to a member of staff.

As you are aware we offer the option of dropping your child to nursery at 8.45. If you bring your child into nursery any time between 8.45 and 9.00 and leave them you will be charged £1 for this. This charge is added to the next month's invoice i.e. sessions used in September will be charged in October. The same applies for the end of the day; if you arrive after 3.00 to collect your child you will be charged £1.

Don't forget your child has a key worker within Nursery and they should be your first point of contact to talk about any concerns or issues about your child. You can also ask your child's key worker to see their learning journey whenever you would like.

If you have any questions please speak with any of us.

Thank you!

Mrs Sage & the Nursery team