



# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring Term 2



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

**We are looking forward to another busy half-term in Nursery.**

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. All children will be encouraged to develop their friendships with others.

### **Communication & Language (CL)**

The children will spend time exploring rhyme and will be encouraged to make up silly / nonsense rhymes.

### **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. There will be a focus on throwing and bouncing balls, and using scissors.

### **Literacy**

The children will focus on a few well-known books during this half-term including *The Smartest Giant in Town* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

### **Maths**

Children will be encouraged to develop an understanding of numbers. They will have opportunities to sort objects into groups and count.

### **Understanding the World (UW)**

Children will spend time thinking about special occasions and days including Mother's Day and Easter.

### **Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)**

The children will explore a range of art materials and techniques. They will also learn and sing lots of songs!

### **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 rhythm and rhyme.



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### **Payment of Invoices**

The Nursery contract states:

*Parents agree that all monthly fees will be paid **no later than seven days** after the invoice is issued. Unpaid fees are subject to a £50 late payment fee if fees are not received one week after the invoice is received.*

Please ensure that all invoices are paid on time.

### **Swapping sessions**

Due to us being full in Nursery on some days and being very busy on all days we are no longer able to swap sessions for children. We can only offer additional sessions with at least 3 days' notice. If you do require one-off additional sessions these need to be booked with Mrs Miller or Miss Baker.

### **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.

Explore Outdoors will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons.

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**