

Date –February - March 2024

Nursery Newsletter



Spring Term

The year is going fast! Our thoughts are on preparing the children for going into Reception.

There are key skills that you can help practise at home. These include:

Continuing to practise writing your name. It is very important that the letters start in the correct place because it has a big impact on future writing. Mistakes with letter formation take a very long time to unlearn. Please only use a capital letter for the initial sound. We would love to see any pictures of mark making at home on seesaw. You can use water and paint brushes, chalk, paint, draw in sand, have fun and be creative.

Using scissors safely to cut out simple shapes.

Getting dressed. Putting on shoes., doing zips and buttons. This will be very helpful next year when children will need a PE kit.

Toileting. To be independent for all toileting needs including washing hands

To talk about past events in order using words such as then, and, because.

To talk about familiar stories they have read.

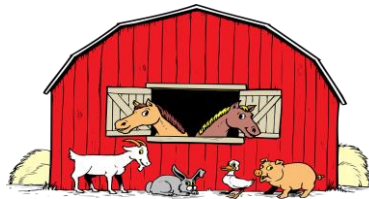
To share toys and take turns.

Down on the Farm

We have a wonderful surprise happening next week in Nursery. We hope you enjoy our regular “Breaking News” updates. (Keep an eye on seesaw for more information.)

Our new topic is ‘Down on the Farm’ and we will be talking about farms and farm animals by reading texts such as “Come on Daisy”, “Squash and a Squeeze”, “Cock a Moo Moo” and “Hungry Hen”.

We live in a wonderful area with lots of opportunities to see farm animals around us. It will be lambing season soon and I’m sure it won’t be long before we see lambs in the fields. Keep a look out.



For our outdoor learning we will be preparing our outdoor plant boxes ready for seeds.

Start to look at Spring growth around you. We have already spotted dafoldils in our play area outside.

Maybe you could sow your own flowers and vegetables for us to watch over the next few weeks on seesaw.

Phonics

This term we will be concentrating on alliteration. This is where we listen to the initial sounds in words and identify words with the same initial sounds for example cat, cow, cone, carrot.

It is important that we pronounce the phonemes correctly. For some useful parent advice please visit

[The Alphablocks guide to phonics - CBeebies - BBC](#)

Homework

As a Nursery Team we upload home learning activities each week for you to do at home with your child. We post these on seesaw and every Monday we spend time looking at and sharing the learning the children have done at home. It is a very positive activity that we value in Nursery as it is time for your child to shine and share with the class what they have achieved at home. The smiles and happiness on the children’s faces when they see themselves or their family taking part in their home learning is magical and it supports so many aspects of the EYFS learning curriculum. Please continue to complete and upload these home learning activities and if you need any support in doing so please ask a member of staff.

Things to Remember

Snack money is £3 for the half term, or £9 for the rest of the year.

Spare Clothes. Please can you ensure that your child has a change of clothes in school and that spares are returned. We are very low on spares and would hate to have to phone home if your child needs a change clothes.

