

Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring term.

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

We would like to begin by welcoming our new January starters. We are all very excited to make new friends.

We are starting our 2nd term in Nursery and we will be paying attention to mark making, especially encouraging a comfortable grip.

We will be concentrating on anticlockwise circles, lines left to right, up and down and beginning to write letters in our names.

We ask that you please continue with encouraging your child's independence, as this will help them to become ready for Reception.

We do spend time outdoors in all weather, if your child has a waterproof coat at home please can you send it in on rainy days.

This term we will be continuing to explore Maths through books. We will be doing lots of counting and comparing. We will be using the words more, fewer, same and different. We will also be singing and playing lots of number games.

Before half term we will also be putting on our second 'Stay and Play' session. Please pay attention to seesaw for further details.

Topic – Bears, Bears, Bears!

Our new topic this half term is all about Bears. We will be reading lots of Bear books including "Were Going on a Bear Hunt" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".

We will also be talking about different bears e.g. Polar Bears, Grizzly (Brown) Bears and Panda Bears. Where do they live? What do they like to eat? What do they look like?

We are building an outdoor bear cave with the children to support our role play.

At the end of this topic, we will have our very own Teddy Bears Picnic at school.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Monster Phonics

The children are really enjoying our Monster Phonics Program. We will be continuing to listen and identify sounds all around us. We will also start to think about rhythm and rhyme and then moving onto alliteration (for example the **big, brown bear** or **silly, stripy socks**).

We will be talking about the sounds we can hear at the beginning of words.

If you would like to know more about phonics and letter sounds, please take a look at alphablocks parent guide.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics

Snack Time

Just a reminder that there is a voluntary donation of £5per half term for snack. We also use this money for extra cooking activities that we plan during the term. Your help towards this would be greatly appreciated if you haven't already paid for the full year.

This can be paid via school spider.

