

EYFS Newsletter

Welcome to Nursery

Welcome back to our existing children and a warm welcome to our new starters! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting term.

This term's topic is called "Sparkle and Ice and all Things Nice". We will be learning about Winter and all the changes it brings. We will explore ice, how it feels and how it changes as it gets warmer.

We will continue our "Squiggle While You Wiggle" programme to support our development in to writers by strengthening our gross motor muscles. We will also strengthen our fine motor skills through dough disco.

Each day, the children will get the opportunity to sing songs and nursery rhymes. Our rhymes for this half term "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "I'm a Little Tea pot"

In maths we will be learning about cardinal value – knowing the last number you reach tells you how many there are. We will also be representing numbers in different ways including using our fingers and matching numeral and quantity.

How you can help at home.

You can practise dough disco together at home. All you need is some playdough and follow some of the great "Dough Disco" videos on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9D5lfqZF3o>

Sharing stories is a great way to support your child's communication and language skills. You can talk about what is happening and what might happen next, discuss the characters and retell the story using the pictures.

Practise counting everyday objects e.g. plates, cups and toys. Ask your child to tell you how many there are when they have counted them. You could even ask them to use their fingers to represent the number.

Playing with your child is a great way to develop their social skills as they learn how to share and take turns and listen to other people's ideas. Join in when they're playing with their favourite toys or play a turn taking game together like Snakes and Ladders.

We are working on developing the children's independence. To support this, please help your child to put on their own coat and shoes.

Reminders

- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name including hats, gloves and coats.
- Please bring in a spare set of clothes for any little accidents that might occur.
- Now the weather is turning colder please send your child in with a hat and gloves to wear when we play outside.
- We politely ask that children do not bring toys from home in to nursery to save any upset if they get lost.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!



You're a Star!



Name

Achievement

Signature