



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and we wish you all a healthy and happy New Year. We have lots of exciting learning ready for our little ones this term.

### Nursery News

- At the start of this term your child will bring a book home from our Nursery library. Each child will have their own book bag and there will be a leaflet inside to explain how our library operates. We really want to encourage a love of reading and talking about our favourite stories and characters. Please encourage your child to share and chat about the story or information book they have chosen.
- We have a theatre company coming into school this half term to perform some traditional tales for the children.

### Reading

It is really important to show your children the importance of reading from such an early age, even if they cannot read yet. Enjoy 1:1 time with your child reading each night before bedtime or during the day. Teach your child how to hold a book and look after them and enjoy playing games with story (before reading guess the characters that might be inside, what might the story be about? Will it be funny? Scary?) It is really important at this early stage to read and look at a book more than once. You could ask your child to pretend to read part of the book in their own words or make up a new story. Take turns reading or looking at parts of the book together, predict what might happen next or create new endings together. Create silly voices for different characters. Allow your child to hear you reading stories and other books to them to model fluency, expression and develop a love for reading.



### Your child's teachers and helpers

Mrs Johnson (Mon, Tues, Wed) Class Teacher  
Mrs Mayers (Wed, Thur, Fri) Class Teacher  
Mrs McVey (Mon - Fri) Teaching Assistant  
Miss Williams (Mon - Fri) Teaching Assistant

We welcome an open door policy in nursery and appreciate that you may need to pass on important information. Please can we ask for your assistance as mornings and the start/end of sessions are very hectic at times and safeguarding the children is our first priority. If you need to speak to us about anything before or after the session, please could you be patient and wait until we have all the children inside or have handed them safely to their parents. If you feel it may take more time to discuss, then let us know and we will be happy to arrange a more appropriate time.

### General Reminders...

- Encourage your child to come into nursery independently and to carry their bag and water bottle with them before they enter nursery. This helps with a smooth transition into Nursery and gives them some independence and ownership of their belongings. Staff will greet your child at the door and we encourage children to acknowledge this and say hello back!
- Please ensure that your child's coat and bag and other clothes are **clearly labelled** with their name on and they know where to look for their name. Help your child to identify their own name.
- Help your child to put on their own coat (we use the hood trick and put it on like a cape first!) Then progress to arms in sleeves, and finally zipping it up themselves. Get them to practice putting on their own shoes and identifying which shoe goes onto which foot. Shoes with laces are very frustrating for children who want to be independent, so please avoid sending your child in with lace up shoes or trainers.
- **Please can you ensure that your child has a labelled bag of spare clothes in Nursery at all times.** This can be left on their peg and is separate from the ruck sack they bring in daily. It should contain clearly labelled spare underwear, socks and shoes, t-shirt/top, pants/bottoms, pack of wet wipes and nappy bags to put wet things in. This bag will be returned if any items need replacing due to any little accidents.
- We have a lot of belongings in our lost property basket, so we will put it out on dry days for you to collect any items you have lost. Please put names in these items before allowing your child to bring them back into Nursery.