



Spring Term 1 - Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely first term to Nursery!

Our core texts will be the starting point of this half term's learning in nursery, and as usual we will be following the children's interests as they develop over the course of the half term. We will continue to plan lots of exciting experiences for the children, as you can see our books are based on Traditional Tales this term and we will be learning about these.

Tell Me a Tale

Our core texts for this half term are

The Three Little Pigs	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Little Red Riding Hood	The Gingerbread Man	The Magic Porridge Pot

We will be listening regularly to these stories, learning to recall the events and join in repeated phrases. We will be learning to answer simple questions to these, and other, stories. We will use these stories as a basis to develop children's vocabulary and encouraging them to use the new words they have learnt.

Children will learn to name characters linked to our core texts. They will be encouraged to talk about the character's feeling and this links back with the work we learnt about our own feelings last term. The children will carry out role play and develop their language further through the use of dressing up and puppetry.

We would like the children to continue to develop their independence through daily routines in Nursery, but also through their learning, such as choosing what they would like to build, make or do. Can they talk about what they are learning with regards the stories we have been talking about?

We will be learning about our own homes and families and have continued conversations with the children about this. We will be asking about who lives in your family. Do you have anyone from your family living in a different country? Have you been abroad? These are questions you could talk to your child about. Any photographs you can share on Tapestry about your family would be lovely to share with the class. We will be carrying out show and tell sessions this term.

The children will continue to carry out Phase 1 phonics which includes listening and speaking games. We will also look at the sounds of letters in words and relate them to words we know such as our name.

We will start to support children to recognise their name or pictures and being able to select it independently from the board as they arrive at school. The children will start to build their name using resources in order to support them in recognising their name.

We will focus on developing the fine motor skills children need ready for writing, we will mark make with paint, pens, chalk, in foam and sand to enable children to learn to make the anti-clockwise movements they need to be able to make to form letters correctly. Some children will start to form recognisable letters from their name.

In maths we will continue practising our counting skills, saying number names in order, counting as we play, for example a tower we have made with the blocks or playing hide and seek. We will develop our noticing and subitising skills. Subitising is being able to recognise a small amount of objects without counting. We will learn to use number patterns to help us see how many there are of something without counting. We will be firstly looking at the representation of 1 and 2 in different ways and how we see this number.

We will be looking at weight and comparing different objects, learning the words heavy, heavier than, heaviest, light, lighter than, lightest.

Children will be encouraged to develop their creativity using their own ideas, self-selecting resources, making choices about how to combine parts to create different effects and learning different ways of fixing materials together.

We will continue to spend time learning outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Shoes should not have laces as these come undone easily. Earrings are not to be worn to nursery for health and safety reasons. Please make sure a changing bag is on their peg with every item labelled with your child's name. They can also bring in wellies too please as we possibly may have snow!

Please continue to read daily with your child. Children who are read to regularly become confident readers as they move through school. Books will be changed on the days you have read with your child. We offer green points and certificates to children who have achieved a good amount reading and support from home.

Please encourage your child to complete the picture themselves, do not draw it for them. The more practise your child has at drawing will enable them to learn to use shapes more effectively to draw their own recognisable pictures.

We will continue to upload pictures of your child's learning at Nursery. It would be lovely if you could comment on the picture, or give it 'a like' so that we know you have seen it. If you would like to share what your child is doing at home, please feel free to upload your own pictures.

If you have any further questions about your child's learning in Nursery, please come and ask.

Kind regards, Mrs Greenhalgh