



Nursery

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome to all our new and returning Nursery Class children and families. As the term goes on, we will welcome a few more children. As we settle in, we are focusing on using the environment independently, asking for help when we need it, and getting to know each other.

An important part of our learning in Nursery is **independence and self-help skills**. Please encourage your child to practice key skills at home, such as wiping their own nose and bottom, washing their hands and putting their own coat and shoes on. This will give them confidence to do the same at Nursery. If they are going to start wearing a scarf or gloves as the weather gets colder, help them practice putting these on themselves too.

Thank you to all parents who paid their child's **snack money** last term. Your donation helps us to provide additional snacks, play dough ingredients and other craft materials. This term we start again with 50p a week or if you would prefer paying £3.00 for the term.

Please **ensure your child is dressed suitably for cold or wet weather**, as the children are free to access the garden in all weather conditions. If possible, keep mittens or gloves attached to children's coats with a length of elastic inside the sleeves.

If your child needs to be changed, we will put their wet clothes in a labelled bag for you. **Please bring replacement spare clothes for them the following day**. Every child needs tops and bottoms, underwear and socks and plenty of pants if they are recently toilet trained. All children have a cloth bag on their peg with their photo on, where spare clothes can be stored. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled.

Thank you for your support!

With best wishes from the Nursery Team

Maths:

This term we will be learning to Solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5 We will focus on 2D shapes. How many sides, corners they can see? We will introduce 3D shapes whilst making trains, buses using large card board boxes. We will make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity. We will look at a variety of objects to see which ones are heavy or light and which will float or sink. we will continue with positional language (on, under, besides, in, between, in front, behind, next to).

Literacy:

We will look at the following story books: The Train Ride, Who Sank the Boat and Peace at Last. We will retell the story using story props. Ask your child about the story we have been reading in school. Can they retell the story at home?

We are learning to **recognise our own names!** We will be introducing name cards for them this term.

Home reading books will be changed at least once a week, so please bring in book bags daily (we aim to do this on Wednesday). The expectation is for you to read with your child daily and write a short comment in their reading diary.

Understanding the World:

This term our focus is Transport. We are very excited to be making our very own train station. Please talk to your child about the journeys they may have gone on with their family and friends. Children will explore using lots of different materials to make boats. Which boat will float or sink? How many objects will their boat hold before it sinks? We will be making a large dragon so that we can take it in turns to do the dragon dance when celebrating Chinese New Year. Children will learn about why we celebrate Valentine's Day, and will be busy making cards for loved ones! We will continue to learn Makaton signs together. Makaton is a great way to support all children's engagement and understanding, whatever their level of language. Please support your child by practising our signs at home.