

Nursery Class Newsletter

1st Half Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting new term. We hope that you have had a fantastic holiday with your family and friends.

Our half termly topic this term is: Exploring.

What we will be learning as part of our topic: the children will be learning about exploring the world around them by using all of their senses, through the inside and outside environment. We will also be looking at the many celebrations that will take place this half term such as Chinese New Year, Holi and Pancake Day. Here, the children will learn about how we can celebrate and respect each other's cultures.

In Literacy we will be learning: the class have enjoyed learning about alliteration through a variety of singing games and will continue to develop this skill. The children will also continue to play with environmental, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, so listening, Literacy and creative skills can develop.

The class will continue to sing their favourite rhymes such as 'If You're Happy and You Know It', 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat', 'ABC' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star', whilst playing musical instruments. The next steps for the children will be to create their own rhyming songs.

We will also be focusing on many books this term, such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' 'Jolly Snow' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The class will be encouraged to retell stories with props, create their own role play experiences and their very own stories.

All children are working hard on writing their name using the correct letter formations. Please keep practicing name writing/letter formations with your child in engaging and stimulating ways such as painting and play dough making. Familiar environmental print signs and logos will be continually displayed in the classroom to teach children reading, writing and design. This term, we will continue to write for a range of purposes such as creating shopping lists, cards and books based on your own child's interests. In this way, children will continue to be excited about their learning, reading and writing.

In Mathematics we will be learning: we will continue to learn about numbers and counting through a variety of songs including '10 Little Penguins', and '5 Little Snowmen' as well as familiar songs that the children know. The children will continue to work hard on recognising numbers from 1 to 10 or beyond, knowing that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away, comparing 2 groups of objects, saying which group is more, less or the same, separating a group of objects in different ways, and recognising that the total is the same, and matching numerals and quantities correctly. Keep talking to your children about what numbers interest them and what they see in different environments so their curiosity of numbers continues to grow.

The children will continue to learn about different shapes in their environment and their properties. They will also continue to create pictures out of shapes such as creating their own monsters. This term we will continue to create patterns out of a variety of shapes and objects. The nursery will continue to follow CLIC which is also being followed by the rest of the school. CLIC helps children understand the concept of numbers and space shape and measure.

Things to remember:

- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be outside the blue gate each morning until a member of staff opens our doors.
- **Encourage your child to put their coat on by themselves and zip it up!** The weather is still cold and your child will need a suitable coat ready for outdoor play. We are outside whatever the weather so the children need to learn to dress themselves independently.
- Book bags - ensure you bring your book bag every day for children to take home things they have made and school letters.
- Spare clothes - please provide a named set of spare clothes on your child's peg with a plastic bag. If your child goes home in borrowed items of clothing, please return them washed as soon as possible.
- Toys from home are not allowed to be brought to school.
- Nail varnish and jewellery must not be worn at school.
- Bottoms should be black or navy, **not** grey.

Other information: If you have any younger siblings, please come to our Toy library sessions every Wednesday from 9.00am to 10.30am and Messy Play on Thursdays from 9.00am to 10.30am. This enables your child to be ready for school when they start nursery and provides fun learning for you and your child. If you ever have any concerns or would like to speak to us please feel free to do so! We are always happy to talk to you.

Best wishes from the class team: Sherryn - class teacher and Aysha - teaching assistant