

# Nursery Class Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> half spring term 2019



## Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break with your families. Do share with us any of your child's interests over the holidays. In the early years what your child learns at home is just as important as what they learn in school.

The children continue to take an interest in our rights respecting bears, Bubbles and Woody. Some children have taken them home for the weekend with the class camera when they have been kind to others. It always proves to be a very enjoyable learning experience for your child and family and helps the children learn about being kind and how to show respect to others.

Thank you to those of you who have brought in photographs of your families. The children have loved sharing their photographs with their friends and talking about who is in their family. If you haven't already done so, please remember to bring in your family photo.

The weather is quite cold and we are outside whatever the weather. Please ensure that your child has a suitable jacket and a hat and gloves. Please put them in their coat sleeves or coat pockets, **not** in their book bags.

## Our half termly topic this term is: Exploring

**What we will be learning as part of our topic:** There will be many wonderful learning experiences taking place this term, which include children exploring the learning environment inside and outside. We will talk about exploring and will explore different areas. First we will explore our school as there are many parts of the school where the children have not been before. Then we will explore our local area including local parks and woodland. The children will also be using all of their senses to explore. The children will use story props and masks to retell the stories as well as making and creating things linked to the stories we read.

**What we will be learning in English:** Our key text this half term is *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children will be learning and retelling this story and taking part in many different activities linked to this book. We will also be building on all the nursery rhymes and songs we learnt last term, with a focus on rhyming books and the traditional tale *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We will be reading Shared reading texts such as, *This is the Bear*, *Walking through the Jungle and Brown bear, Brown bear what do you see?* In phonics we will play lots of listening games. What sound can you hear at the beginning of your name? Can you think of something else that starts with that sound?

The children are learning to recognise their name on their peg, and their name card. We will help them have a go at writing all the letters in their name and encourage you to support your child with this when they start their day.

**What we will be learning in Maths:** We will continue to develop the children's interest in number through counting rhymes and songs. They love singing songs such as '5 little monkeys jumping on the bed', '5 little speckled frogs', '5 little ducks went swimming one day' and '10 green bottles hanging on the wall'. This develops their understanding of counting and how many for each number as we represent the number using our fingers. The children enjoy knowing numbers that are special to them, for example their age, their birthday and their house number. Talk to your children about the numbers they can see out and about! We will explore shape through construction toys, wooden blocks and junk modelling. Can your child build a tower? How tall is it? What shapes can you see out and about? What shape is your door? What shape are the wheels on the bus? How do you know? We will also be linking maths to the stories that we read in class.

## Other activities, trips and events this half term: Parent meetings on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

## 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!** Now the weather is getting colder we insist that the children have their coat on and zipped up for outdoor play. Because we are outside whatever the weather, the children need to learn to dress themselves independently. Please practice this with them at home, including their zip.
- Book bags - ensure you bring your book bag every day for children to take home things they have made and school letters. Your child will choose a book from our class library on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please share

this book with your child and return it in their book bag.

- Spare clothes - please provide a named set of spare clothes on your child's peg. 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:** Gloria - class teacher and Aysha - teaching assistant