

# Nursery Class Newsletter



## 2nd half summer term 2021

### Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely half term. We are excited to welcome the children back for their final full 6 weeks of Nursery! We will continue to explore our learning environment and the world around us, further developing and consolidating all the skills that we have learnt this year. **To support your child's learning about our topic this term, could you please bring in any small to medium sized junk cardboard boxes, empty bottles, lids etc for junk modelling**

### Our half termly topic this term is: Journeys

**What we will be learning as part of our topic:** We will be going on many 'journeys' this half term using our imaginations to transport ourselves into different worlds. We will start our topic by going on a journey through the woods, exploring three traditional tales ('The Three Little Pigs, 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.')

We will design, create and use various props to help us re-tell these stories, build our own story telling skills, use repeated refrains and key vocabulary, make predictions and describe characters. To develop our mark making this term we will be writing for purpose in a range of ways, such as creating large and small scale maps, under the table bear cave writing, hand under water writing, secret space messages and mark making labels for a giant bear hunt maze (which we will design and build) to help us explore and retell our journey from the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' We will mark make recipes and menus and we will have our own teddy bear's picnic outdoors. We will go on a nature walk and investigate what we have found, bringing our artifacts back to the classroom to add to our museum. As we explore the different journeys, from the woods, to London, to the jungle, through the ocean and up into space, we will be collecting and creating various artifacts to make a 'marvelous museum.' This will support our role play, language, mark making skills and our understanding of the world as we make labels and posters for all that we have made and discovered. We will explore different modes of transport, from foot across the woods, a bus journey through London exploring different landmarks, an aeroplane ride to Africa and Brazil to go on a journey through the jungle, exploring different jungle animals and the culture/history of Africa and Brazil. We will be doing lots of junk modeling this term and will create our own submarine to explore under the sea and end our topic with a rocket ride up into space. Nursery will continue to consolidate all the shape and number skills we have learnt this year through games, and we will continue to practice our phase 1 phonics, focusing on oral blending and segmenting.

### What you can do to help:

- Talk about your own journeys with your children as you walk together, go on the bus or the train.
- Read to and mark make with your children **daily**
- Encourage children to listen to the individual sounds in words e.g. c-a-t, d-o-g, b-u-s etc

### Things to remember:

- School starts at 9am for AM children and 12.30pm for PM children. AM children should be outside the gate until a member of staff opens the doors. Nursery and Reception wait on opposite sides of the gate. PM children should wait outside the Welcome Space at 12.30pm.
- **Book bags** - Bring your book bag every day for children to take home things they have made and school letters.
- **Spare clothes** – We take part in lots of messy play. 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 the clothes 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
- Ensure you child brings a bottle of water every day to school
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

### Other information:

- Parents Meetings - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Best wishes from the class team: Rakhi - class teacher, Aysha - teaching assistant