

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Settling In

As this is the first Newsletter of 2020 we would like to begin by wishing our children and parents a very Happy New Year.

We have been welcoming some new children into Nursery who are settling in extremely well, exploring their new environment and making new friends!

The children have been very enthusiastic whilst discussing their holiday news and any special presents they received from 'Father Christmas'. They have enjoyed sharing their special news with friends during group times. Thank you for taking the time to contribute news from home onto Tapestry, our online Learning Journal. The children have loved sharing their special photos with their friends at Nursery. We have seen pictures of children's favorite presents, special visits to places such as the pantomime and visits to the Snow Dome. Super!

Just a reminder that we ask for fruit and healthy snacks to be provided in a small named Tupperware box. Alternatively you can pay via parent pay for fruit which is provided by the school. All children are also offered milk and water throughout the day.

Please could we remind parents to name everything; snack boxes, water bottles and all clothing, including shoes. This helps staff enormously throughout the day and also ensures if something is lost we can make sure it finds its way to the right child!

'Winter Wonderland'

We have begun this term by looking at the weather and the elements of Winter.

Our role play area has been transformed into a fantastic 'Winter Wonderland' with polar bears, penguins, snowballs and a glittery array of snowflakes and wintery sparkles. This has enabled the children to discover and talk about the animals who live in cold climates. The children have also been counting snowballs, exploring textures and talking about the different kinds of weather and seasons throughout the year, therefore expanding their knowledge of the world.



The children have been making some fantastic paper plate penguins and shredded paper polar bears, using a range of media, materials and textures. These look adorable on display and the children are very proud of them.



Favourite Stories

We shall be continuing this term to use a range of books, stories and rhymes to enhance the children's learning and development. Next week we shall be looking at the story of 'Holly's Red Boots'.

Forest Fun

Please can children attending the Forest fun session on a Monday afternoon bring waterproofs each week. This is to protect their clothing from messy activities. Next week we shall be creating 'mud pictures', using mud as the paint. We know the children will love it, but we do envisage some mucky clothes!

Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at the letter 'n' this week. We shall be continuing next week with the letter 'p' and if children have any items at home beginning with this letter, they are welcome to bring them in to share with us. Thank you to parents for supporting us in helping the children look for these items at home.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION NEWS

Happy New Year! A wonderful welcome back to all of our families. We hope you enjoyed a magical and fun Christmas break and are raring and ready to go as we head into the Spring term. We have heard lots about what the children have been up to - visiting families, trips to the park, swimming, holidays....you've been busy! It has been lovely to see the children returning to school with big smiles and excited to see their friends. It certainly brightens our mornings.

The new term in Reception brings with it a new topic. This half term we are learning all about Superheroes! Each week we will be introduced to a new superhero from a book and this week's superhero is Traction Man! Traction Man is a doll who goes on many adventures and rescue missions around the home with his sidekick, the scrubbing brush. He saves the farm animals from the evil pillows, rescues the dolls from the mud and unblocks the sink.



In our Literacy lessons we have described his character and created a superhero catchphrase of our own. We have also designed superhero costumes, thinking about what colours and features they should have, and thought about a name to match. For this we reminded ourselves that names need a capital letter at the start.



In Maths we have been learning all about patterns. We initially looked at making a repeating pattern with two or three colours, but then discovered that we can use objects from around the classroom too to make patterns. We used pencils, shells and blocks amongst many other things. We had lots of fun challenging ourselves with the number of items we could include in our repeating patterns. Encourage your child at home to see how many patterns they can spot in their environment!



Our PE focus for this half term is Dance. We have introduced the children to a story, which is set in a toy shop, where there are many different toys left on the dusty shelves that come to life one night. We practised moving like robots, fairies, soldiers, dogs and elephants this week and will, as each week goes on, add a little to our routine of what happens when the toys come to life!

Important information

Please could you all check the labels on items of uniform. We have some children missing jumpers.

Next Thursday 23rd January we are celebrating Chinese New Year. For the day we will be off timetable doing lots of fun New Year activities. If you have anything interesting linked to Chinese New Year (for example stories or artefacts) please feel free to send them in to share.

For children's birthdays, it's very thoughtful of you to bring things in to share out but please could they be individual treats/cakes as it can be time consuming and take away from teaching time cutting up and wrapping whole cakes. Thank you.

A date to put in your diaries Mums—20th March in the morning we will be hosting a special Mother's Day assembly. Tissues at the ready!