

# Early Years Newsletter



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## NURSERY NEWS

Welcome back to another fun packed half term at Nursery. We would like to begin by saying how beautifully the children have settled back in after the half term break. They have enjoyed being with their friends, chatting about their adventures and sharing photos of special experiences. One little boy could not wait to share his photos from his visit to London and told us all about Big Ben and The Tower of London. Super!



### People who help us

Our new topic this half term- 'People who help us', is proving to be a hit with the children. We began the week by talking about all the different people who help us and the different ways in which they help us. We have been focusing on Vets this week and Nursery have acquired a Vets Surgery in their role-play area. There have been discussions based on the roles of the Vet and all the variety of animals, which they help to get better. The children have been caring for the 'sick animals'- administering medicines, bandaging them and showing great care and concern which has been lovely. The children have also been discussing their own pets at home and drawing some super pictures of any pets they may have, together with choosing what pets they would like to take to the vet. We had some great drawings such as a snake and even an elephant! Excellent imagination too!



'People who help us' is a fantastic topic for the children to learn about safety and the important services within the community in which we live, whilst also gaining increased knowledge of the world and expanding a range of skills. Throughout this theme, we are hoping to have special visitors sharing their knowledge with us. So far, we have a Veterinary Nurse, the fire service and a Nurse in the pipeline. We would welcome any parent visitors too. Please see a member of staff if any parents would like to visit and talk to the Nursery children about their job. Any amount of time would be appreciated. Thank you.

### Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at the letter 'u' this week. We have had some wonderful items brought in from home, including many umbrellas, which have been very popular! Thank you to parents for supporting your children in looking for these items and talking about the specific sounds with them at home. We shall be continuing next week with the letter 'b'.

### World Book Day

Thank you to parents for supporting World Book Day this week. We had some brilliant book characters arriving at Nursery and we will try to share these photos with you next week. The children enjoyed sharing stories with the older children from Year 1 on this day. Fantastic!

### A Plea for Clothing!

Please could any spare clothing be returned if children have borrowed some from Nursery - we are especially running drastically low on spare jogging bottoms. Thank you in advance.

Please could children also bring a spare set of clothing in their bags daily. We do change children for a variety of reasons, such as messy play and occasional toilet accidents. Forest fun sessions may also require children to change joggers due to their muddy and very natural messy experiences! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team

## RECEPTION NEWS

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a lovely break over the half term. We have enjoyed hearing about all the interesting things you've been up to. We are so pleased to see Reception return rested, happy and excited for what the half term will bring, as are we.

The week started with an assembly on how to wash our hands thoroughly to keep germs at bay, in light of the current situation. The children practised the steps involved, making sure they remember wrists, thumbs and in between the fingers. You may want to practise this with your child at home. You can sing the 'Happy Birthday' song twice over to ensure hands are properly clean!

Shrove Tuesday was during the half term but we couldn't let that go forgotten about in school, so on Tuesday we had a day all about pancakes! We shared the favourite story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' where poor Mr Wolf didn't get any help from his friends to make pancakes...so he got his revenge! The children then thought



back to Shrove Tuesday and what ingredients they used to make pancakes and we wrote a shopping list. We then prepared the batter together, fried the pancakes and of course "gobbled them up", like Mr Wolf! Afterwards we were able to sequence the different steps needed to make pancakes and wrote instructions, remembering to start with an instructional verb eg. Whisk, measure, fry. At the end of the day, we managed to squeeze in a pancake race too. We were impressed with the children's flipping skills. Whilst running, it is a challenge! One of our favourite days!



Thursday's World Book Day brought with it lots of amazing dressing up opportunities. We had a Dorothy, astronaut, Woody, an Oompa-Loompa, Hook and, as you can imagine, lots of Elsa's. Thank you all for the effort you have clearly gone to with the children's costumes—it made the day extra special and inspired many conversations throughout the day. However, we must not forget the most important part of the day—the books! We kicked off the day with a shared reading session with Nursery and Year One. The children shared their favourite stories with friends. It was wonderful to see how engrossed they were listening to the stories and looking at the pictures. In a time where there is much to distract us from reading, it is so important to instil a love of good old-fashioned books!! As our topic for this half term is Fairytales, Reception then read our first fairytale of the topic—The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Following that, we made scary troll masks, built bridges and used instruments to make the trip-trap sound.



## Important Notices

-Every Monday for this half term we are hosting some Stay and Play sessions for children that are 3 and under. If you are, or know of anyone that is interested, they start at 1pm for an hour in the Nursery building.

-The Reception Maths workshop is on Wednesday 11th March from 5pm for roughly 45 minutes. It is a chance for you to find out how we teach Maths within school and how you can support your child at home. It will be held in the Dining hall. There will be no Marvellous Minds club on this day.

- Sports Relief day is on the Friday 13th March. Children can dress up as their favourite sports personality and bring in £1.

- If you haven't already got the date in your diaries, the Reception Mother's Day assembly is on Friday 20th March. The assembly is due to start at 9:15am with coffee from 8:30am.

-There will be no Animal club on Thursday 26th March.