



Nursery

Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Welcome!	Thank you very much for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts. We wish you and your families a Happy New Year!
Learning about	'Traditional Tales' We will use popular, traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Cinderella, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Three Little Pigs as starting points for our learning
Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Exploring how our words and actions affect others; making good decisions; sharing; discussing feelings; developing a sense of responsibility; continuing to work on independence skills
Physical Development	Improving fine motor skills such as cutting and mark-making through craft and art activities; developing a good pencil grip and forming the letters in our name; building structures gross motor skills moving like characters from the stories; developing stamina and strength; ball skills
Communication and Language	Joining in with repeated refrains in stories; using story language such as 'once upon a time'; retelling events, extending vocabulary through multisensory activities
Literacy	Identifying characters, settings and events; sequencing events; using existing stories as a framework for our own; comparing and contrasting different versions of same story; learning and performing Poetry Basket poems, rhyming words and number of syllables in words
Maths	Reciting, ordering and counting to 10, using one-to-one correspondence; recognising numbers 0-5; finding one more or one less than a given amount; naming and identifying common 2d and 3d shapes with up to 5 sides/faces
Knowledge and understanding of the world	Looking at seasonal changes; finding out how Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday are celebrated; exploring changes through simple cooking/melting, finding out about different occupations through stories and role play
Creative Development	Exploring effects made with different media - paint, crayons, collage; listening and responding to music; acting out stories, moving in different ways to music and yoga positions
At home	Please continue to practise independence skills, such as putting on and fastening coats and shoes. Regular practise in counting objects and actions is really helpful as is recognising and having a go at writing his or her name, using a good tripod pencil grip. Finally, sharing stories together and talking about events in the book is a great way to encourage a love of reading!
Creative/messy play Fund	Thanks to your donations we have been able to provide fresh play dough each week for each class as well as a range of messy play mediums, various fruits and vegetables, battery tea light candles for the diyas and lots of Christmas creative resources. Please hand your £5 donation (or £10 for the whole term) to one of the Nursery staff.
Nursery Library	Please have a look for our Nursery lending library which is located in the Nursery foyer. We have a selection of books for you to choose from. Please help your child to select a book which you can share at home and return.
Mystery Reader	To help promote reading for pleasure, Nursery are introducing a 'Guest Reader' session on Fridays. We are asking for family members to come into school to read to our children. This could be mum, dad, cousin, grandparents, family friends, etc... (information to follow)