



Nursery Spring Term 2023 Information

Welcome Back! We hope you have all had an exciting and relaxing Christmas. We hope your child is excited to be back at Nursery for our Spring Term. We are thrilled with how the children all settled in over last term, but please do speak to us if you have any concerns. Please continue to use the yellow box out the front of the Nursery to say goodbye to your child from. This really helps us to get the children into Nursery as quickly as possible, whilst still allowing us to give each child and family the individual moment we like to give them.

Topic: Our topic for the first half of the Spring Term 'Are we nearly there yet?'. Please see separate Topic Information Sheet for further details.

Literacy: This half-term, we will continue having daily phonic inputs where we will be developing the children's listening skills, thinking about rhythm and rhyme, and starting to zip sounds together to make words (blending – c-a-t, cat). Letter sounds will be introduced to the children, during their play, where children are ready and interested. There will be lots of opportunities daily to work on the children's fine motor control including; cutting with scissors, pencil grip and control and strengthening the muscles in our hands and fingers using playdough etc... We will also be providing lots of opportunities for the children to mark make in their child-initiated learning and encouraging children to start trying to copy the letters in their name.

Maths: In maths we will be learning to recite number names in order to 10 and beyond, matching numerals to quantities and looking for numerals in the environment. We will also be talking about size and the language of quantities, as well as finding and naming 2D shapes.

Routine reminders:

Dropping off at the start of the day: Please remember that our Nursery start time is **8.55am** unless your child is booked into Breakfast Club or they have older siblings in school, who line up at 8.50am. Again, this allows us to give each child and family the individual moment we like to give them, handing over and saying hello/goodbye. Please remember that all children need to be in Nursery by 9am.

Collecting at the end of the day: Our doors open at **2.55pm** for afternoon collection. Please ensure that if someone on your named list is collecting your child after Nursery, that they know your chosen password. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us so they will be asked for this.

Clothing: Please ensure all items are named including shoes and wellies.

Book Bags: All children in Nursery have a book bag. Please encourage them to bring their book bag each day in order to put their letters and creations inside. Please do not send any other bags such as rucksacks. We try to limit the amount of things coming into Nursery from home and we simply don't have room for the children to bring and store rucksacks every day.

Outdoor Classroom: Outdoor Classroom will continue this term and will be on a Wednesday until half-term. Please see separate letter sent out last week.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the Nursery for drinking throughout the day. They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.

Packed Lunches: We have peanut allergies in Nursery so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

Toys: **We ask that toys/valuables are not brought in to school**, unless by prior arrangement with a member of staff.

Tapestry: The latest WOW moments were published on Tapestry, over Christmas, for you to login and view. If you are having any problems logging in, please see Mrs Jackson.

Spare clothes: If you haven't yet sent back your child's bag of spare clothes, please do so ASAP, as this term, the children typically get wet when playing outside and will need a change of clothes when they come back inside.

Important Dates this half term:

Every Wednesday until February half term – Outdoor Classroom

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February - 2.30-3pm - Stay and Play session

Friday 10th February – Break up for half term holiday

Every Tuesday until the Easter holidays – Outdoor Classroom

Friday 31st March – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 17th April – Children return to Nursery

Thank you for your ongoing support, Mrs Jackson
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