

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2024

A big 'Well Done' to all of our new starters this term in Nursery. You have settled so well!



New Topics!

Nursery - Footprints in the Forest

We are going to be learning stories within the theme of the forest. Our key texts will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will be learning about forest animals, growing and changing and the job of bees!



Reception - Food, Glorious food!

We are learning stories all about food. Our main texts will be 'Supertato' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We will be learning about where our food comes from, healthy eating and recipes.



Reading at Home

It is really important to read with your child at home as much as possible.

We visit the school library once per week and take a book home to share for enjoyment

School library days - Nursery: Monday

- Reception: Wednesday

Reception children are issued a new reading book every Monday along with their reading diary. Please sign the diary to let us know you have read with your child at home and if you wish to, add in a brief comment about how they got on with the book.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Food in school

A polite reminder that we are a 'nut-free' school. Food items containing nuts including spreads and bars will be removed from children's lunchboxes and sent home.

Small round foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and strawberries also need to be quartered for children under 5 years of age.

Early Years staff

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Horton

Also working in Nursery: Mrs Cooper, Miss Lewis, Miss Brittle and Miss Blackwell

Reception Teachers RHW: Miss Hall (Mon/Tues) and Mrs Williams (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

Reception Teacher RM: Miss Moulton

Also working in Reception: Mrs Aubrey, Mrs Cartwright, Miss Scarratt, Miss Teitge and Mrs Sidaway

Key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16th January - Attendance Reward event

Monday 22nd January - Fire Service visiting school

Tuesday 23rd January - E-Safety training for parents

W.b. 29th January - National Story Telling Week

W.b. 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term

Monday 19th February - INSET Day

Tuesday 20th February - Children return to school

Monday 26th February - Attendance Reward event

Wednesday 28th February & Thursday 29th February - Progress Meeting Evenings

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

W.b. 11th March - British Science Week

Friday 15th March - Wellbeing Day with Kindness Cafe - Children dress to express.

Monday 18th March - Reception visit to the Church

Friday 22nd March - Nursery Teddy Bears picnic 11am and 1:30pm. Break up for Easter at 2pm

Fostering Independence.

Children who are independent make better learners!

You can support your child at home in becoming more independent by encouraging them to do small tasks like putting on their coats, shoes and socks all by themselves. Thank you for your continued support.

Named clothing

We understand children will be returning to school in January with extra items of warmer clothing - hats, scarves, gloves etc. Please ensure these items are named as it is often these smaller items that go missing!



Wellies & Waterproofs

We are continually learning in our outdoor environment. We do this in all weathers. If you haven't done so already please send in a pair of wellies and a waterproof suit, **with names on please!**

Drinks bottles

Your child should also bring a named bottle of water to school. No fizzy drinks allowed.



Spare clothes

Please could you ensure your child has a small bag of spare clothes in case of accidents (including messy play!) This can remain in school on your child's peg.



Reception will have PE on Wednesdays. They should come to school in PE kit on this day.

Nursery session times:

Morning session - 8:30am-11:30am

Afternoon session - 12:00pm-3:00pm

30 Hours session - 9:00am-3:00pm

Reception timings:

Door opens at 8:40am.

Our learning begins at 9:10am. If your child arrives after this time, they are missing learning time.

School finishes at 3:20pm.

Maths

Nursery:

Children will learn lots of number songs & rhymes and be encouraged to join in. Children will be focussing on numerals to 5, the composition of numbers and counting.

They will also begin to look at measures; height and length, mass and capacity.

Reception:

Children will be looking at the composition of numbers to 5 and comparing groups of numbers. They will learn about the numbers 6-10 and practise combining 2 groups and adding more. They will look at ordering numbers to 10 and counting backwards.

Children will also learn about capacity, measuring ingredients, measuring and comparing height and measuring time.



We use Evidence Me to record your child's learning in school. You can access this online or by downloading the app from the Google Play or the App store and signing up via the link we send you.

Every Monday, you will receive a weekly update with key information for the week and any observations of your child from the previous week.

Don't forget... You can add photo/video observations to your child's learning journey using Evidence Me. We love to see the experiences the children have outside of school!

Please make sure you are signed up! Speak to a member of the Early Years team if you are having any difficulties.