



Happy New Year! Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful festive break. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, especially as we welcome new starters to our Nursery. This term, we will be discovering our natural world and community through our topics: 'Habitats' and 'People who Help Us'. We'll embark on adventures such as visits to the park and visits from local police officers and firefighters to experience our topics first hand so that children can develop an understanding of the world and the creatures that inhabit it. Here's to a fun-filled term of learning and discovery!

Important Dates:

WC 26.01.26 – Park Visits
3rd/ 4th Feb – Visit from Police Officers



Things to remember:

Please bring the following items into Nursery every day:

- Water bottle
- Spare clothes
- Nappies and wipes
- Waterproof coat
- Hats and gloves (weather dependent)
- Wellington boots (weather dependent)

Please label all items.

Maths

This term we are building on all of our knowledge and skills we gained in our first term in Nursery. We will develop a deep understanding of Numbers to 3, being able to spot when we have three, make groups of three and also say how 3 has been composed.

In our measure topics, we will use real life experiences such as baking and water to begin to use vocabulary linked to capacity (full, half full, empty).

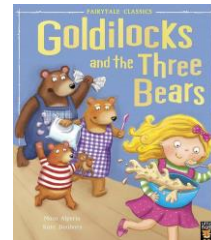
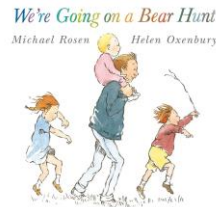
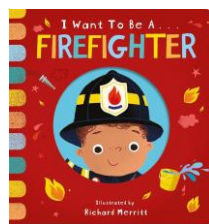
Nursery will become shape spotters and be able to identify a range of 2D shapes.



Communication, Language and Literacy

During the Spring Term we are working on a range of skills in our Nursery. We are focusing on speaking in longer sentences and beginning to use words such as 'because' to give more depth and detail to our conversation. We are using exciting games to strengthen our working memory so that we can remember up to three objects in sequence as well as listen to and understand more than two pieces of information at once.

We use selected stories to promote the use of appropriate vocabulary, learn about the world around us, encourage us to join in with repeated refrains and also to encourage conversation about characters and the events in the story. Children read familiar books multiple times, giving them chance to join in and story tell together. Some example of books we are reading this half term:



Colourful Semantics and Box Clever will also help us to learn to speak in 'who' and 'what doing' sentences. We aim to express ourselves using phrases of 4-6 words, promoting clarity and fluency. This blend of activities helps ensure children not only enjoy their learning but also build a strong foundation in communication and language.

Super Sounds

Nursery are loving our scheme 'Super Sounds' – it allows us to develop our listening and attention, preparing us for reading in the next stage of our journey.

This term our focus is on Rhythm and Rhyme.

Spring 1

We will learn to break word into syllables by playing with rhythm.

Spring 2

We will learn to break words into chunks by hearing, copying and making rhymes!



Home Learning

This half term we would like you to focus on:

- Reading a story every day at home
- Putting our coat on independently
- Counting up to 10
- Drawing simple pictures such as a face.



PSHE:

Now we have settled into Nursery, we are really focusing on extending our play further by elaborating on play ideas, assigning roles and also negotiating with our friends.

A significant focus is going to be on taking turns in larger group and in independent play, even when an adult is not directly involved. This will be supported by the introduction of more complex group games such as Bingo Lotto.



Nursery will also become independent iguanas when toileting and dressing!

Understanding The World

This half term we are very busy learning about different aspects of our world. As part of our Natural World topics, we will continue to look at the changes in the weather. We will also explore different habitats through stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

We will also explore people in the community we can help us such as Police Officers and Fire Fighters and we will even get to meet real Police Officers when they visit our school.



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Physical Development:



We like to move it move it! As always we will be constantly active in our wonderful and large indoor and outdoor space. Outside we will practise balancing through a range of activities such as obstacle courses. With regards to ball skills, we will learn to throw balls with increasing accuracy, towards a desired target.

Our fine motor focus is focusing on beginning to show more accuracy when drawing shapes and beginning to draw objects that represent real life things. We will also further improve our scissors skills by practising making snips moving forward through a range of materials such as paper, leaves and playdough.

Expressive Arts and Design



As always, children have access to arts, design and role play activities daily in their provision. A focus in provision is to develop our joining skills by introducing tape and attaching two things together.

With the paint we will learn to mix and label colours, print our own patterns and use the brushes to represent simple objects such as the sun or flowers. Being imaginative and creative is at the forefront of all we do in Nursery.

Throughout the term we will set up role plays to support our Understanding the World topics, where Nursery will get to be fire-fighters, doctors and police officers!

Attendance Ladder

