



## Nursery newsletter - Spring Term 2023

January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you all enjoyed the festive break. We are really excited for the term ahead and have already slipped back into the Nursery routines and have commenced our learning journey.

### Drop Off Time

Please bring your child to the Nursery door at 8:30am, **please can you support us with encouraging the children to remove their own coats and hats and to place them on their pegs.** The Nursery door and rainbow gate will then be locked at 8:45am. If you are running late please take your child to the main school office and they will be brought into the Nursery.

Please continue to collect your child promptly to avoid your child getting upset and to enable the staff to continue with or set up for the next session.

Please can you telephone the school office if your child is going to be absent from school due to illnesses or appointments, unless you have already informed the Nursery staff.

### Attendance

We would really encourage 100% attendance where possible. Your child will truly benefit from the learning experiences provided in Nursery and it is great preparation for the full school day in September.

### Lunches

For those children who stay for lunch, this term to support your child's independence and language development they will be making their own lunch choice at registration. You can continue to support them in making their food choice by talking about the options at home or on the way to school. The lunch menu is available on our school website.

### Our Learning

This term our theme is *My Special World Around Me*. Our theme will be explored through the teaching of the 7 key areas of learning (please see our school website for more information). We are looking forward to delving into the following areas: Kindness & Manners, Healthy Eating & Teeth, Chinese New Year, Easter and Ramadan. We shall also be taking part in the Big Garden Bird Watch and exploring Women in Science over the coming term. If you have any resources that you think would support our learning please do send them in clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Clothing

We love to explore the outdoors and spend a lot of our active learning time outside in all weathers. So please dress your child appropriately for all weather conditions with a warm, waterproof coat. **Please ensure that your child's clothes are named**, to avoid any mix ups and that they have a full change of clothes, including undergarments and socks. Please

can we also ask that if your child walks to school in their welly boots that they have a change of shoes for being inside the Nursery.

### **Sharing Stories**

We love to read in the Nursery and we love to hear about your child's favourite book. This term we would like to encourage children to bring in their favourite story to share and enjoy with the rest of the class. Please make sure it is clearly labelled.

#### Benefits of bedtime stories:

Sharing a book with your child each day has multiple benefits; it develops their language and vocabulary skills, provides them with an outlet for empathy, encourages conversation and questioning skills, promotes curiosity and imaginative thinking, as well as being a great way to instil an appreciation of books.

### **Nursery Library**

Please continue to use the Nursery Cloakroom Library, you can use this as frequently as you like. Can we ask that if you do have any borrowed books at home and you are now finished with, to bring them back for other children to enjoy. We would also like to draw your attention to the Nursery front door where we will be detailing the stories we are reading in class each week.

### **PE**

PE will be on **Tuesdays** (Physical Education session). This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore the School Hall and get active. We ask that you dress your child in clothing that allows them to move freely, for example leggings & a long-sleeved t-shirt. During this session we all take off our socks and shoes. To enable your child to independently do this we ask that children wear shoes that they can easily remove and put back on. **No dresses, lace ups or tights please.**

### **Contributions**

For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £6**. Please return this in the envelope provided.

Please could you also contribute a box of tissues for all of the sniffles we are bound to get during the colder months.

### **We are also on the lookout for the following items:**

Ribbons, Buttons, Small boxes (cosmetic, perfume, facial cream), Fabric, Pine cones  
Paper towel rolls, Corks, Straws, Metal trays, Baskets, Building bricks e.g house bricks  
Large cardboard boxes, Tarpaulins, Pegs, Gardening tools, Flower pots, Bed sheets  
Cotton reels, Paper plates, a Book case, Empty plastic water bottles, Old welly boots - to be used as planters, Yoghurt pots

### **Key dates -**

*Mobile Planetarium* in school 19th January

*Big Garden Bird Watch* 27th - 29th January <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> - detailing information of how you can get involved each day.

*International Day of Women and Girls in Science* 10th February

*Chinese New Year* January Sunday 22nd January

Please see our school website for additional school dates and events.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Berry and the Nursery Team.**