

## Nursery Half Term Newsletter – Spring 2 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well.

Our topic for this half term is 'Come outside'. We will be exploring different types of weather and seasons, learning about different plants, flowers and trees and we will be finding out how to look after the environment.

## General Information

- PE bags/plimsolls should be kept in school at all times. If plimsolls are used for spares, please remember to wash and return them to school for their next lesson.
- Please ensure your child comes to school in a warm coat, gloves, scarf and woolly hat when necessary.
- All of their uniform/belongings must be named to prevent items from getting lost or misplaced.
- Continue to encourage your child to go to the toilet independently
- Please encourage the children to put on their own shoes and coats, we have been practicing doing up the zips on their coats and some of them are getting very good at it!

In Literacy we will be looking at...

- Recognising and writing our names
- Different logos and environmental print.
- Giving meaning to the different marks we make. For example: "That says mummy."

In our **Phonics** sessions we will be expanding our knowledge by...

- Rhyming words and songs.
- Recognising and saying the initial sounds in words
- Clapping the syllables out in our names and other familiar words
- Distinguishing between different sounds we can hear.
- Making a sequence of sounds using body percussion.

In Communication and Language we will continue to...

- Retell and talk about familiar books
- Talk to our peers about our weekend with the class bear
- Practise listening and following a two part instructions.

In Maths we will be focusing on...

- Developing our understanding of the numbers 5 and 6.
- Height and length e.g. tall or short etc.
- our understanding of mass and capacity.

Whilst exploring **Understanding the world** we will continue to learn about different celebrations and festivals.

We will also be looking at:

- How to be careful with animals and plants, remembering not to pick flowers and to stroke animals gently.
- How we look after the environment.
- Plants and animals that interest the children.
- The differences between materials.

We are introducing our new class bears, Eddie the Teddy and Claire the Bear. The children will each have the opportunity to take one of the bears home for the weekend. This activity is to replace the current Show and Tell, meaning only 2 children each week will have something to discuss. The children are very excited to be taking a bear home with them and sharing the fun with the rest of the class on a **Monday**. The bears will be sent home with a book which has space for the children to each draw a picture of the bear, underneath is space for a brief description of what they have been up to. Please only use a **maximum of 2** pages to allow space for everyone. If you do want to send me some more photos via email, you are more than welcome.

Please note that if your children are awarded any certificates/medals/trophies for extra-curricular activities, they are welcome to bring them in on a Friday to share in the whole school's Celebration assembly.

Our trip this term will be to Little Street on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We are really looking forward to taking the children there and exploring their brand new role play areas. A big thank you to those of you that are willing to join us for the morning.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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