

# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring Term 1

Hello, Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited to have the children back for a new term. This newsletter will give you a little more information about what we will be getting up to in Spring 1.

### Our Learning

This half term our topic is 'Amazing Animals'. In week 1 we will be learning about signs of winter and why some animals hibernate. After this we will spend each week focusing on different types of animals – Arctic animals, jungle animals, farm animals and finally pets!

In Maths we are recognising numbers to 10 and practising how to count up to 10 objects by touching each object in turn. We will also be learning to identify 2D shapes.

We are continuing to practise our Phase 1 phonics skills. These include environmental and instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds and oral segmenting and blending.



### Reading

Every Friday children will be given the chance to choose a story book to take home and enjoy over the weekend. Please return the book in book bags the following Monday. The children love story time at nursery and look forward to sharing stories with grown ups at home too. Enjoying stories together helps children to develop a love of reading, supports a great bedtime routine, and is an important step on the way to becoming confident readers themselves as they move through school.

### Names on Items

Please remember to check that all items your child brings into Nursery are named, so that we can make sure items return to the correct child. As you can imagine, the children muddle up their things quite easily so we regularly do have to check names!

This includes jumpers and cardigans, coats, bags, drinks bottles and wellies.

### Tapestry

We are really enjoying using Tapestry in Nursery and have lots of evidence of the children's fantastic learning! Your child will have at least 1 new observation each week, so do log in so you can see what they have been busy doing at Nursery. If you are not yet signed up, please ask a member of staff for a Tapestry sign up sheet to complete your details.



### Attendance

Please ensure that you are on time when dropping off and collecting from Nursery sessions. Being on time means the children get into the best routine from the very beginning of each session and don't miss any group and carpet time. The session times are as follows:



**AM: 8.45 - 11.45**

**PM: 12.15 - 3.15**

### Home Learning

Each Friday we will share a 'home learning' post on Tapestry. This will include a number and sound for the upcoming week that you can practise with your child, and a suggested nursery rhyme.

Please use Tapestry to share photos of special events or activities your child has enjoyed outside of school. We can use these to talk to your child about their home life and things they enjoy. They love to share their lives with us!

### Snack Time

During snack time all children are provided with a healthy snack and a choice of either milk or water to drink. Snacks from home do not need to be sent in.

If you would like your child to bring a drink from home please ensure it is brought in a clearly named bottle.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another fun term.

The Nursery Team