

# Nursery



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## Spring 1:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for even more fun learning activities to take place.

- Make sure your child's clothes including shoes and especially jumpers have their name in it. This will save us a lot of time. Thank you.
- Please ensure your child has a coat, appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing in school each day due to our outdoor learning in Nursery.
- Your child needs spare clothes (it doesn't have to be uniform) in school in case of a variety of accidents, for example drink spills. Please ensure these are named and in a bag.
- Please provide wellies and trainers with your child's name in them. These will be kept in school for rainy days and PE.
- Please provide a t-shirt, jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers for our PE lessons.

Home-school book – given out on a Friday and handed in on a Wednesday

Library books- given out on a Friday and handed in on a Wednesday

PE takes place on a Monday

Theme: This half term our big question is "What happens in Winter?" and "Where do I live?"

### Personal, social and emotional development:

This half term we will be continuing to develop our independence skills, talking about our emotions and making friendships.

### Physical development:

We will be playing lots of games that encourage us to move around in lots of different ways confidently. We will be riding a balance bike and scooters. We will play lots of games where we have to work together as a team.

### Communication and language:

This half term we will be developing our language skills by sharing news, playing lots of games and talking about our experiences of Winter and different types of animals

We will read and act out lots of new stories and learn lots of new vocabulary.

We will be learning to speak to one person, in small groups and in large groups.

We will be using our imagination a lot to imagine lots of different things.

### Writing:

During our Literacy Sessions we will listen to a variety of different stories including Snowballs, Dear Zoo and Monkey Puzzle, we will be learning to draw recognisable pictures by drawing shapes, learning to write our name and learning to add marks to our work to represent writing, for example, writing labels for animal pictures

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## Numbers:

Our maths learning will focus on learning about the numbers 1-5, representing numbers in lots of different ways, for example dots on a dice, recognising quantities up to 3 without counting them.

We will do this through daily counting and lots of practical, fun learning activities.

## Numerical patterns:

We will be talking about 2D shapes with 4 and 5 sides, combining shapes and night and day routines,

## Understanding the world:

During our topic sessions we will

- be learning about Chinese New Year
- be learning about where animals live e.g., hot and cold climates
- We will explore the season of Winter
- We will talk about familiar experiences with each other

## Expressive arts and design:

We will be learning to take part in imaginative play, making creations from different materials including junk modelling resources and how to join them and we will be continuing to learn how to create different colours by colour mixing.

## Class dojo

As a school we use class dojo as a reward system and to keep in contact with parents and carers.

Your child will come home with their own login details for class dojo, and you can see messages from myself, photographs of any work and homework that I would like you to do.

You can also add photographs and messages about all the wonderful things that you do at home; maybe you have been baking or been on a day out? Whatever you wish to share you are more than welcome to we would love to see them.

Only the adults in school can see what you have posted onto class dojo as it is only linked to your child's name.

## VIPS:

Each half term we will hold a VIP session in small groups so that you can look at your child's work, ask any questions or talk about any concerns that you may have, and staff will give you information about how to help your child with their learning at home.

Please ensure that you wear a face mask at these meetings, you remain socially distanced, and you sanitise your hands as you enter the building.

Your child will be sent home with an invitation to a VIP session. If you cannot make it please inform a member of staff so that we can rearrange the session for a more convenient time.

## Dates for the diary:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022- school opens**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022- school closes**