

# Nursery Newsletter Spring Term 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to all our new children and to our returning children. Thank you very much for encouraging the children to come into the Nursery independently - this is helping the children to settle well into the Nursery routines.

## Parent Partnership

If you have any immediate information to pass over for the day, please tell the staff at the gate or put a note in your child's Home /School diary. The Home/School diaries can be kept in your child's bookbag and will be checked daily. If you have any concerns or questions about your child, or their progress in the Nursery please speak to Mrs Gibbons at the end of the session.

## Planning in the Moment, Themes and Story Scribing

We use the 'planning in the moment' approach in the Nursery throughout the year, to recognise and build upon children's interests and investigations. Staff support the children in their interests through discussion, extending with resources, and also by scribing their stories in play. There are some planned themes throughout the year as a starting point for investigation and learning. This term themes include: Winter, The Big Garden Birdwatch, (all outdoor learning), Chinese and Lunar New Year, Dinosaurs, Gardens & Growing, Healthy Food, Planners & Builders around the World, Spring and Easter. In addition to our usual support and on-going monitoring of the children, staff focus on in depth observations of five children per week and the completed observations are added to Tapestry to share with parents.

## Tapestry

We use Tapestry in the Nursery to record some of your child's independent learning and interests to supplement our in-depth observations. For our 'new parents' once you have received your logins, we would love you to send us some of your child's 'wow' moments from home too.

## Nursery Curriculum

There are different activities each day in the Nursery. To enable your child to access the full curriculum and not to miss any of the themes or observations and assessments it would be preferable that they attend Nursery for each session. As our attendance registers are set at the beginning of term, we are unable to swap days around for specific activity days.

## Phonics and Sound of the Week

We follow activities from Bug Club and plan Phase One listening games into our Nursery sessions.

The children are introduced to a new Phase 1 (and some Phase 2) letter sounds each week. We plan a range of activities in the Nursery to support learning the phonic sound of the 'letter of the week'. The letter sounds for this term are:

Wb 08.01.24	l	Wb 12.02.24	y	Wb 18.03.24	a
Wb 15.01.24	j	Wb 26.02.24	z	Wb 25.03.24	t
Wb 22.01.24	v	Wb 04.03.24	q (qu)		
Wb 29.01.24	w	Wb 11.03.24	s		
Wb 05.02.24	x				

Half Term-19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Last Day of Term- 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Snack / Cooking money

We are part of the School Fruit and Vegetable scheme, and children receive either a piece of fruit or vegetable at snack time with milk or water to drink. Alternatively, if you would prefer, you could send your child in with their own snack, (fruit or vegetables or a savoury snack, in a named container please) To ensure that we remain a 'nut free' school please do not send in any nuts or snacks containing nuts. We aim to cook food each week that is linked to the 'sound of the week'. We cook on a Wednesday and the children will be split into two groups; your child will cook fortnightly but bring cooking home each week. If your child attends on a Wednesday and you would like to contribute £1.00 a week towards the ingredients for our cooking, we would be very grateful. The snack and cooking contribution could either be paid on a Monday, or half termly or termly (in a named envelope please) and given in to the Nursery staff. Thank you.

Weekly	1/2 Term	Full-Term
£1.00	£6.00	£12.00

Please could your child bring their book bag to school every day and could your child also have a named apron in school. Please could you ensure all uniform (including PE clothes) is named.

### Monday - Book Day-Library book change

Your child will choose a Library book from our book box, this will be kept in a zip wallet. Please share and enjoy these books and ensure that your child brings their book to Nursery on this day. The children's library books will be put into their book bags. We would like to request that special toys are left at home and that the children only have one small keyring on their book bags so that book bags can fit into the book bag box.

Wednesday - Cooking - (Link to Phonic sound of the week), the day may change at times, according to other activities.

Thursday - Forest Schools on the field - please could you send your child in wellies that day if there is a chance the ground will be wet or muddy. Thankyou

Friday - PE is on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning for the Nursery.

### Staff Cover

Miss Leach (HLTA) will be covering the PPA release for Mrs Gibbons on Mondays. Mrs Brennan (HLTA) will cover Phase Lead release fortnightly on Fridays.

Mrs. S Gibbons - Nursery Teacher

Mrs Leek - Monday , Tuesday , Wednesday am - Early Years Learning Support

Mrs Summers - Wednesday pm, Thursday, Friday - Early Years Learning Support

Miss Ullah - Learning Support Assistant

**Thank you for all your support**