

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Nursery Parents:

If you are a Nursery Parent and intend for your child to go in to Reception in September 2018, we would like to advise you that a place is automatically reserved for your child. If however you know that the place will not be required, we would appreciate advanced notice of your intention. We politely remind you that you will need to give notice to Mrs Bowser before the start of the Summer term.

We would like to begin by saying our new children have continued to settle extremely well into Nursery and all of our existing children have welcomed them amazingly. We are really proud of them all!

We promote to independence at Nursery and encourage the children find the correct coat on their peg and hang it back up again once we have been outside. For the benefit of our new children who have just started with us, it may help if parents could tie a piece of ribbon onto the standard coat hook which is inside the collar of all school coats. This would enable your child to hang their coat onto the peg and make it easier for them by using their ribbon. This may also help children to recognize which coat is theirs, as they will get to know which ribbon they have. Thank you in anticipation for your support with this.

Favourite Stories



During this term we shall be continuing to use a range of books, stories and rhymes to enhance the children's learning and development. We have begun by looking at the story of 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud'. The children have been expressing their creativity whilst making

some amazing winter animals which are displayed on the wall in Nursery. The large scale art work has also promoted collaboration between the children as they have worked together to share resources and create the wonderful display. The children have also used scissors to make some fantastic sparkly snowflakes with a variety of shapes and sizes. This has also promoted physical skills and the use of tools and equipment whilst the children cut special shapes in the paper and decorated their snowflake.



Along the theme of winter, the play dough has been enhanced with a snowy effect. The children have added silver sparkles and shiny snowflakes to the white play dough. We have had some wonderful creations made, such as 'snowmen', 'snowballs' and even 'chocolate balls'!

We shall continue with the story of 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud' next week with lots more 'icy' activities planned, before moving onto another fantastic story.

Forthcoming dates to remember.

Class Photos: Tuesday 30th January.
Chinese New Year celebrations: 16th February.

Nursery shall be celebrating Chinese New Year week beginning 12th February. We thought it would be lovely to have a 'red' day, with children coming to Nursery wearing the colour red. We shall also make this a special Chinese day with many fun activities planned for the children to enjoy, including food tasting. This special day will take place on Friday 16th February and if parents would like to make any contributions towards this day then please speak to a member of staff. This could be in the form of a parent coming in to speak to the children, or a kind contribution of any Chinese specialties! Many thanks in advance.

Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at the letters 'u' and 'b' this week. We have had some wonderful items brought in from home and the children have enjoyed discussing and sorting these items into the correct sound boxes during group times. We shall be continuing next week with the letters 'f' and 'e', and once again if children have any items at home beginning with these letters they are welcome to bring them in to share with us.

RECEPTION NEWS

As we enter our second week of the term, the Reception team have been impressed with how the children have grown up over the holidays. Self-help skills are definitely improving as more and more children are trying to undo, and do up, their own buttons, skirts and shoes. This is fantastic and a great help for staff! For those who are still struggling with these tricky skills, any practice at home would be greatly appreciated!

This week

With our Superheroes topic well underway, the children have been playing in the classroom building Bat caves and secret hide-outs. Undertaking daring rescue missions and ridding the world of evil aliens! Messages have been written to stop baddies in their tracks and superhero outfits have been designed.



Forest fun was a little different this week. Because of the recent storms, we stayed close to school rather than going to the park. We collected lots of sticks, leaves and branches to use next lesson to make hideouts and homes for our Forest Fun stick Superheroes. In Maths, the children added spiders onto Spiderman's web and recorded their answers using the correct symbols.

Pupils have also been assisting Mrs Incredible, by hunting for different ways of making 10. Traction Man has been read in Literacy and the children have been writing speech bubbles to support his adventures in the text.

News

Caelan from RF met a very special and important person on Tuesday. He and his family presented Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge with a bunch of flowers outside Coventry cathedral and even shared a conversation with the princess. What a special memory for life!



Elizabeth and Elsie were also stars in The Jack and the Beanstalk, (oh yes, they were!) being asked onto the stage to help the audience sing a song. Are they possible stars of the future?



Reminders

With the weather getting colder again, please send in both blazers and coats each day as layers really help keep out the cold! School hats and warm gloves are also important to keep in essential body heat! Please can all items be clearly named please.

Dates

You should all have received letters about the upcoming Family Fridays, a time when your child can share their learning journals with you. Please check that you know which date you have been assigned. If you can't make the date that you have been allocated, please see your class teacher. There was also a letter about our Superheroes day sent home this week, with a slip to return to school.

Wishing you all a warm, safe and fun-filled weekend!

The Reception Team