



# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring 1—2025/2026

### Notices/Reminders

In Nursery, the children explore learning opportunities both inside and outside. Please ensure they have appropriate clothing for outdoor play including a waterproof coat at all times during the colder months.

Due to the potential of allergies, please do not include any nut containing products in your child's lunch box. Thank you.

### Communication and Language

This half term our topic is 'Frozen Winter'. We will explore a range of books linked to weather and seasons as well as stories including 'One Snowy Day' and 'The Snowman'. We will encourage children to talk about what is happening in the story, the sequence of events and their understanding of events and characters. We will also encourage children to share their own experiences of winter, supporting them to develop their speaking and listening

### Physical Development

We will explore a range of activities to develop large gross motor skills including running, climbing and using large equipment and balance bikes. We will explore movement to music as well as a range of fine motor tasks to develop hand muscles and finger control including dough disco, threading, using tweezers and other tools.

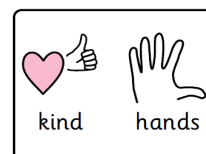
### Key Dates

Spring term starts Tuesday 6th January  
Morning session - 8.45am - 11.45am  
Afternoon session 12.15pm - 3.15pm  
Parent consultations w/c 9th February  
Specific details to follow nearer the time.

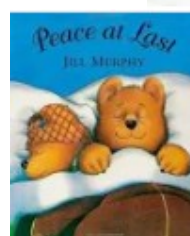
Half term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

For our new children, we will be exploring our rules and routines and learning about ways to show kindness. We will also be thinking about our own dreams and goals and encouraging children to challenge themselves even when things are tricky. We will also be exploring what it feels like in winter and how this makes us feel. We will also look at ways to stay safe.



### Suggested Books for Reading



## Literacy

We will develop our knowledge of print through daily registration activities including name recognition through self registration. We will explore lots of stories and encourage children to explore these in a range of ways in their play. We will explore rhyme and rhythm in poems and stories and encourage children to mark make for a range of purposes, beginning to think about simple letter formation in familiar words including their name.



## Mathematics

We will continue to build children's confidence in numbers to 5. We will encourage children to explore their own symbols and marks that represent these numbers as well as numerals. We will work on one to one correspondence. We will make arrangements with objects, talking about shape and position. We will also explore sorting in different ways and make comparisons using mathematical vocabulary.



## Understanding the World

This half term we will explore the season of winter and look at and discuss the signs of winter around us. We will explore ice, using a range of vocabulary to describe what we can see, hear and feel as well as how this changes over time. We will explore different materials exploring the effect of ice on these materials.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage children to explore a range of methods and media to express their creativity. These will include painting, printing, collage and role play. We will use musical instruments and explore how these sound. We will create movement to music, copying simple actions. Children will also have the opportunity to join in with singing familiar songs.



## What you can do to help at home

- Read stories together often to help build a love of books.
- Look at Tapestry together and encourage your child to talk about activities that they have done at Nursery
- Play games together that encourage sharing and taking turns.
- Encourage writing for a purpose - a shopping list, party invitation, birthday card etc that encourage children to have a go at mark making.