

# Nursery News

## Happy New Year!

### Term 3

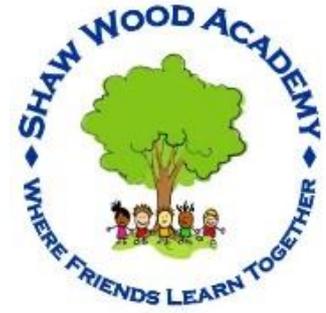
We are very excited to welcome our new children in to nursery, who will all be in by week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Nursery Bear:** Thank you very much to those who have already had Nursery Bear to visit their house for the weekend. This activity is encouraging the children to use the appropriate language of past tense when they come back and share all that they did with Nursery Bear.

### What are we learning?

Please keep checking the planning posters beside the 'Parents Notice Board'. These will inform you of what your child will be learning each week.

**In Maths** We will continue to separate a small group of items in different ways recognising the total is the same. We will be exploring how to use shapes appropriately for tasks such as constructing buildings and making shape pictures.



**In Communication Language and Listening (CLL)** we will continue to explore stories and information books recalling what they can remember. We will also be learning to recognise verbal rhyming words by playing matching games such as: finding objects that rhyme cat/bat, fox/box.

**Topic:** We will be learning about winter and animals that like a cold environment. We will explore changes that happen to different materials such as: melting chocolate, ice, popping corn and squirty cream. We will also be learning about different types of transport using the internet and non-fiction books. We will use this information to build different vehicles using recycled materials.



## **What you can do at home to help your child:**

To support listening and language skills you can play 'Describe it Find it' games such as: can you find the toy that is red and has four wheels? The teddy that is brown with a hat on etc. Continue to read simple stories as often as possible talking about what you see in the pictures and asking what could happen next. Talk about different types of transport vehicles and why they are useful such as: a fire engine carries hoses and equipment to help put fires out, a milk lorry taking the milk to the dairy to get bottled.

**Personal Targets:** your child was given his/her new personal target before the Christmas holiday, please practise these little and often. If you would like some other ideas just ask a member of the Nursery Team.

**Snack:** Just a reminder, snack is 50p a week, which we will collect per half term. The total for this half term is £2.50. This money goes towards buying different snacks and baking ingredients. Last half term the children were introduced to herbs and fruits which had different smells and textures. We feel that these activities support the

children's communication and language skills.

**Library:** the children are really enjoying choosing books while in their groups. This is giving the children the opportunity to talk about the books with each other.

**P.E.** Will continue to be every Wednesday in the hall with Coach Zeph. This half term the children will be developing their ability to travel, climb and balance using the gymnastic equipment.

**Outdoor Learning:** we have been exploring our new mud kitchen which has been very popular with the children busy making Gruffalo pies, mud cakes and cups of tea. This is supporting the children's language, physical and creative development. Please use the school website a below to view pictures and videos.

[www.shawwoodacademy.co.uk](http://www.shawwoodacademy.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

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