

Nursery News



Half term 2

Nursery Bear:

The most important skills that the children develop during their time in nursery, are their language and communication skills. We continuously look at ways to develop these both at home and in school.

Over the course of the year, every child will have the opportunity to take Nursery Bear home, to spend the weekend with them. Nursery Bear has its own suitcase, clothes, pyjamas, and a story book that you will be asked to read with your child at bedtime. There is also a notebook for you to write about what Nursery Bear did with you over the weekend and, if possible, for you to include some photographs of Nursery Bear with your child.

When Nursery Bear returns to school, each child will share the book with the other children in nursery. This will develop the children's ability to ask and answer questions, as well as helping each child to develop their confidence to talk in a larger group.

There is a more detailed letter in Nursery Bear's suitcase, to help you with this activity.



Maths:

We will continue to sing number songs and rhymes. We will also be counting children, snacks and toys. The children will be exploring how to use shapes appropriately for tasks, such as constructing buildings and making some shape pictures.

Communication and Language:

We will be identifying different musical instruments and learning how to keep a rhythm. We will be exploring books, recalling what we can remember in the stories and talk about settings, characters and events. We are now asking that the children answer questions using whole sentences to support their oral language skills.

Topic: Could It Be Magic?

We will be exploring the story, The Magic Porridge Pot. We will retell the story by acting it out and making resources such as magic wands.

Other activities will include tasting porridge and choosing a topping, as well as making magic potions by mixing colours.

What you can do at home to help your child:

Read simple stories as often as possible, encouraging your child to talk about what they see in the pictures and predicting what could happen next.

Practise early number skills by counting small objects ensuring that they place them in a line and touch them as they count. When they are confident with this, ask your child to give you a small number of objects such as: give me two pencils/three toy cars. Keep to numbers under five to begin with, then extend this to ten.

Snack: Just a reminder, snack is 50p a week, which we will collect per half term. The total for this half term is £3.50.

Independence skills: we would like to say a BIG thank for supporting your child in developing their

independence skills. Before the Christmas break, we would like to be able to give out certificates to all the children for being able to put their coats on independently. Some children will also receive a certificate for being able to put on their socks and shoes which can be a bit tricky sometimes. This half term, we are concentrating on developing the children's scissor control, so some practise, little and often should help.

Important dates

On 6th, 7th, 8th December you will be invited into school to join in with Nursery Christmas Crafts (more information will be given closer to these dates).



Thank you for your continued support.

Miss McGeachie, Miss Camplin

Miss Bean and Miss Lacey