

Nursery News

Happy New Year!

We are very excited to welcome our new children who are starting Nursery on the week commencing Monday 9th 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 are sharing all that they did with Nursery Bear.



What are we learning?

In Maths we will be counting out a small set of items and matching with the correct number card. This will support the children to be aware that the number tells us how many there are in that set. We will also be



separating a small group of items in different ways but recognising the total is the same.

In Communication, Language and Listening (CLL): To develop visual discrimination and memory we will be looking closely at objects (socks, pasta, spoons, buttons and dinosaurs) and books (100 dogs, 100 birds, 100 cats by Michael Whaite) with similarities and differences. We will be exploring why things are the same or different, will develop the children's language skills and their awareness to discriminate between them. These activities will also develop the children's ability to recognise, remember and talk about what they can see.

Topic: Our Community We will be using the internet and non-fiction books to find out about our local environment. We are also looking forward to some special people visiting nursery to tell us about their jobs such as, the librarian from Armthorpe library. We would also welcome anyone who has a job in the community such as, builder, nurse, shop assistant to come in and talk

about what you do. If this is something you can help us with, please contact a member of the Nursery Team.

What you can do at home to help your child: To support listening and understanding skills, try playing games such as 'Simon Says'. Continue to read simple stories as often as possible talking about what you see in the pictures and asking what could happen next. Practise early number skills by counting small objects ensuring you place them in a line, touching them as you count. This can be extended by asking them to find the matching number card. Please continue to practise scissor control.

Snack: Just a reminder, snack is 50p a week, which we will collect per half term. The total for this half term is £3.00 and £2.50 for children starting week commencing 9th January. This money goes towards buying different snacks and baking ingredients.

Important dates: closing date 15th January 2023

If you have not already done so, now is the time to register your child for their Reception class in September. Please enter the website address below and complete the relevant details. (Not for children who are starting Nursery this week).

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss McGeachie, Miss Bean, Miss Lacey and Miss Camplin.