

Nursery Newsletter

March 2017

Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, carers and children for being so supportive over the last few months. I will miss the children greatly while I am on maternity leave but I will be seeing you again very soon with my new addition!

In my absence, Mrs Walker and Mrs Harris will be supporting Mrs Arnott and Mrs Cowan in Nursery and I am sure the children will continue to thrive in Nursery.

Mrs Weller xx

The Great Outdoors

We are planning on developing a digging/ mud kitchen area and a music station in our nursery garden..... and we need **YOU!!**

If any parents/ carers have any of the following that we could use then please send them into nursery asap:

- Metal saucepans/ pots and pans
- Cake tins
- Metal cooking utensils
- Metal sieves/ colanders
- Wire cooling racks

What can you do to help your child at home?

Next half term, we will be exploring things that grow and looking at detailed features of our environment.

When you are out, help your child to spot signs that Spring is on its way and encourage them to talk about what they can see.

We will also be having a focus on phonics and rhyme.

Look at rhyming stories with your child and talk about words that sound the same. Have fun making up silly words that rhyme and encourage the children to enjoy their learning!

I have attached a list of rhyming stories on the reverse of the newsletter as well as some websites with rhyming/phonics games.

What have the children been learning?

The children in Nursery have been looking at a range of different activities over the last few weeks, including number, colour mixing and of course, World Book Day.

The children have been using shaving foam, food colouring and pipettes to explore colour mixing and talking about what happens when they mix different colours together. This has helped develop their language skills and their confidence to talk in small groups.

We have been hunting for numbers in our nursery garden, in order to practice our number recognition and to encourage the children to look for numbers in their environment.

The children loved dressing up for World Book



Dates for your diary

Friday 24th March - Easter Crafts and Red Nose Day

Friday 7th April - Nursery Easter Bonnet parade

How can I help my child at home?

Rhyming Stories

The Gruffalo
Stick Man
The Gruffalo's Child
Monkey Puzzle
Commotion in the Ocean
Rumble in the Jungle
Each Peach, Pear Plum
Down by the cool of the pool
Superworm
Room on the Broom
A Squash and A Squeeze

Nursery Rhymes

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
Wind the Bobbin Up
Baa Baa Black Sheep
Humpty Dumpty
Hickory Dickory Dock
Jack and Jill
Row Row Row Your Boat

Rhyming / Phonics Games

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html>

http://www.mrcrammond.com/games/hiding_hippo.swf