

January 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carers,

Welcome to Nursery!

We are so excited to begin the Summer Term in Nursery. This term, we will be covering a range of topics loosely linked to our whole school topic of:

A Green Clean World

We will start the term by learning about different animals based on our topic, "Lions and Tigers, and Bears!" We will explore different animal habitats and diets, developing our sense of curiosity and love of the world around us. In the second half term, we will be thinking about animals, further exploring the question "How Many Legs?" Investigating how many legs different types of animals have and which has the most. We will focus on a text for a week at a time, reading this story every day and learning new vocabulary linked to the text, which we will begin to incorporate into our own language. We will continue to learn a new sign each week, which will support all children's communication skills. These signs will link to the characters and settings in our key texts, which include "Dear Zoo," "Rumble in the Jungle," "The Lion Inside," "The Tiger Who Came To Tea," "Biscuit Bear," "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," "Rosie's Walk," "Alan's Big Scary Teeth," "Commotion in the Ocean" and "How Many Legs?"

We will be observing the changes in our environment throughout the Winter, spending lots of time outdoors, investigating how plants and animals grow and observing the signs of Spring. Many areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum are being taught through our book of the week, during independent play in the environment and in our focused sessions, whereas others are taught discretely. During this term, we will also be looking at a variety of festivals and celebrations from different cultures, such as Chinese New Year, St. David's Day, Holi Festival, Ramadan and Easter.

Early reading is extremely important. We share stories at school daily. We would encourage you to share lots of stories at home too. This can be both you reading to your child and your child sharing the story with you by looking closely at the pictures and using their imagination. Please feel free to choose a story from our "Borrow a Book Library Case" at the entrance of the Nursery.

You can follow your child's learning journey on Tapestry. Don't forget to activate your account if you haven't already and add your own observations too, as we share any observations you add with the class weekly during our circle times and the children are always so proud to share their experiences.

Thankyou,

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