

January 2026

Spring Term in Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the Spring term, our learning in Nursery will be organised into two exciting topics, giving children opportunities to explore stories, values and the changing world around them through play, discussion and hands-on experiences.

In the first half of the Spring term, we will be exploring the topic Once Upon a Time – Tales of Kindness and Courage. Children will enjoy listening to and sharing a range of traditional fairy tales, including The Enormous Turnip, The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man.

These familiar stories will be revisited regularly so that children can develop new vocabulary and talk about characters, settings and events. We will also explore fairy-tale themes such as giants, dragons, princesses and heroes, which will inspire imaginative play, role play and storytelling throughout the provision. A key focus during this topic will be exploring the messages and morals within stories. Through discussion, role play and shared reading, children will begin to think about kindness, fairness, helping others and showing courage. These themes support children's personal, social and emotional development and help them to build positive relationships.

In the second half of the Spring term, our focus will shift to Living and Growing, which links closely to the arrival of Spring. Children will explore what it means to be in the garden and healthy, learning about the world around them and how living things grow and change. The children will explore the garden habitat, making use of not only the nursery garden but also Parkdale Pines, learning about the different animals that live there, such as insects, birds and small creatures. We will investigate how things grow, including plants and food, and talk about where our food comes from and how plants help us to stay healthy. These ideas will support children's understanding of the natural world and healthy lifestyles. Key texts for this part of the term will include Superworm, The Woolly Bear Caterpillar and Jack and the Beanstalk.

Across both topics, learning will take place through a balance of adult-led sessions and carefully planned provision. Our environment will reflect the children's interests and the themes being explored, offering opportunities for role play, storytelling, mark-making, construction and creative activities. We will also be welcoming some new children into Nursery during the Spring term, so we will continue to model routines and expectations, encouraging children to be kind and patient role models as friendships continue to grow.

Early reading and language development remain a key focus throughout the term. We will continue to share stories daily, sing nursery rhymes and introduce new vocabulary linked to our topics. You can support this at home by reading stories together and talking about what happens in them.

You can follow your child's learning journey on Tapestry, and we always enjoy sharing observations from home during circle time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
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