

Nursery Newsletter - Spring Term 2025

Welcome, from all of us in the Nursery, to a new school term.

We will begin with a new topic called “I Wonder How That Works?”. The children will be learning about forces: push and pull. We will consider the effects of these forces through the wind, water and magnets. We will follow this topic by considering “I Wonder What it is Made From?”. In this topic the children will explore natural materials such as wood, sand, rock, mud etc and compare those to man made materials such as plastic, metal, ceramic etc. We will also consider what can and can’t be recycled and different materials’ effects on the environment. We will end the half term by revisiting the topic “I Wonder Who Celebrates That?” by taking an exciting look at Chinese New Year Celebrations. This year China celebrates the year of the Snake so there will be lots of exciting opportunities to create snake based arts and crafts activities along with Chinese food tasting at snack time!

After half term the children will begin their learning by considering “I Wonder What They Need?”. This topic will focus on farm animals and will include a visit to the Nursery from real life farm animals! In the past we have had sheep, chickens, pigs, ducks, goats and even a donkey! This topic leads nicely into our next topic which is “I Wonder How They Will Change?” where we focus on the lifecycle of a chick. The children will have the opportunity to observe how eggs hatch into chicks and develop over two weeks in the classroom with our Living Eggs! More details will follow regarding the farm visit and Living Eggs. We finish the term by returning to our celebration topic to consider what happens at Easter, which will also incorporate changes in the environment at Springtime.

In Literacy we will be continuing with phase 1 phonics. It is a very important stage in phonics as it helps the children to distinguish and isolate sounds within the environment as well as hear rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds. The children have been learning letter sounds and how to pronounce them correctly along with aurally segmenting and blending. The children will also continue to develop their fine motor skills through adult-led and child-initiated work, which in the long term will strengthen the children’s pencil control skills.

In Maths, we will continue to focus on our maths mastery skills such as counting and number recognition to five as well as measuring (capacity, length, weight), shape, space, and positional language/following routes.

In Expressive Arts and Design the children will be given many opportunities to express themselves creatively through art and craft, dance and music.

Lastly a few reminders:

- Nursery session times:
 - Wren Class (15hrs) 8.45am – 11.45am
 - Wren Class (30hrs) 8.45am – 3.15pm
 - Sparrow Class (15hrs) 12.30pm-3.30pm
 - Sparrow Class (30hrs) 9.00am – 3.30pm
- Please make every attempt to be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child to avoid unnecessary upset for them.

- Please make sure you inform a member of staff if someone else is collecting your child; a message can be left at the school office in the event of an emergency. We will not allow your child to leave nursery with someone we are not expecting without prior notice. Also, please ensure that a responsible adult arrives to collect the children - we will not allow another child to collect children from the Nursery.
- Please label **ALL** clothing and shoes worn and brought in to school with your child's name. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries, questions or worries concerning your child's time in Nursery, we are happy to help if we can.

Finally, all the staff in the Nursery would like to wish everyone a happy and successful spring term.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Mrs Allen, Mrs Halili, Mrs Connell, Miss Cirket, Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Hutchins.