

Nursery Newsletter - Spring Term 2026

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

This term we will be starting a brand new language programme called 'NELI'. NELI Preschool is a 20-week oral language intervention programme for all children. It is based around the shared book reading of 20 beautiful books and learning 82 'special words' throughout the 20 weeks. In addition, home learning is provided to help parents and carers engage in the programme too! All children will always benefit from rich language experiences and this programme has strong evidence of helping boost all children's language skills.

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 orally 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.

A few reminders:

- Nursery session times:
 - 15hrs Provision - 8.45am – 11.45am
 - 30hrs Provision - 8.45am – 3.15pm
- 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, shoes, water bottles and packed lunch bags/boxes 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 Hammond

Miss Cirket, Mrs Connell, Mrs Hutchins, Mrs O'Sullivan, Miss Reece, Miss Sehkar