



Spring 1 Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to 2025!

We hope you have had a wonderful winter break and are ready for an action packed Spring 1!



Our learning will be centred around **Winter, My Community, Transport and Chinese New Year** this term.

Adults working in the room

Class Teachers: Ms Kelsall

Support Staff: Mrs Stewart, Ms Candy

Ms Castellvi (Art and Forest School)

Coach Terry (P.E.)

The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

· Physical Development

Specific Areas

· Literacy (writing/reading)

· Maths

· Understanding the World

· Expressive Arts and Design

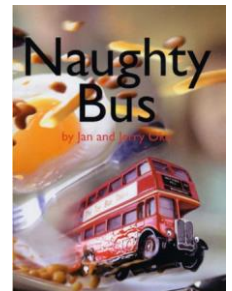
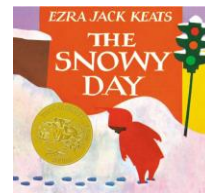
Maths

For this coming half term we will be focusing on:

- Counting amounts and counting in rote order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (One to one correspondence)
- Compare quantities using words such as 'the same', 'more' and 'less'.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size.
- Show an interest in shapes in the environment.
- Talk about and explore 2D/3D shapes

Literacy

Our core texts for this term are: The Snowy Day and Naughty Bus.



Throughout this half term we will be exploring the season of winter and make comparisons to Autumn, noting what is the same and what is different. The key vocabulary that we are going to be learning are: winter, season, snow, snowball, mountain, adventure, melt, ice, cold, gloves, snowman. When reading the Naughty Bus, we will explore different occupations, and use new vocabulary in our talk and play. We will explore words such as present, driver, traffic, bus stop, job, passengers, road, rescue and transport.

Topic [Winter/My Community and Transport/Chinese New Year](#)

In the first three weeks we will be exploring winter and discussing the changes in the weather, arctic animals and lots of experimenting with ice using key vocabulary such as melting and freezing. We will be exploring with various sensory Winter objects and natural resources. In the following three weeks we will be focusing on my community with an emphasis on where we are living, what it looks like and who in our community can help us. We will explore different occupations of people in our community as well investigate how we get around our community by drawing our own maps. This half term we will also be exploring Chinese New Year which is at the end of January. We will look at objects and artefacts that are used during this celebration and make our own Chinese New Year dragons.

Reading Book packs

We will be giving out reading book packs to children and family to read at home. This includes activities relevant to the story that supports children's writing and communication skills. Each book pack will be given out **every Friday** and should be returned on the following **Tuesday**.

Forest School

Our first forest school session of this half term will start from week 2, 16th January and will run every Thursday from **8:45-11:30 am**. This will be a great opportunity for your child's learning and holistic development. If you can join as a volunteer please speak to a member of staff. Children will need labelled wellies and weather appropriate clothing.

Family Fridays

We would like to welcome you into our class to do an activity with your child from 9.00-9.30am **every other Friday**.

Week 2: Exploring with ice and paint

Week 4: Chinese New Year Dragon making

Week 6: Making and decorating valentine cards.



Junk modelling and loose parts

We use a lot of natural resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modelling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells. We are always collecting resources for our room and donations of games, role play resources and costumes and toys- please do think of us if you are having a clear out.

Observations

We are now using an online journal- Tapestry to record children's learning and to provide updates of any upcoming events. If you have not activated your parent account, please inform a member of staff. We love to share observations with the children so please do add your own posts of what you have been up to outside of school.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Thursday 16th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Friday 17th January Swans and Ducklings Family Friday

Friday 31st January Family Friday Swans and Ducklings

Friday 14th February Family Friday Swans and Ducklings

Friday 14th February FRoG's Annual Valentines Ball



Gainsborough Keeps

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Green.' We will be learning about the 'Endangered Aisle'- how climate change is threatening the future of the UK's favourite foods. We will consider how we can protect food production and will even plant our own trees.

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