Class information

Library books

Your child is now able to take home a library book from the Nursery library. This will be changed every week on a Wednesday. Please return the book on this day so a new book can be chosen.

We have looked carefully at books with the children in school, showing them how to turn the pages and look at the pictures to help you. We hope they can continue to do this at home and look after them carefully.

Change of clothes

From time to time nursery children do tend to have 'little accidents' when they do not get to the toilet on time. Please could you make sure that your child has some spare clothes in school (in a bag clearly labelled with their name). If your child borrows school clothes or footwear, please wash clothes and return promptly.

It is extremely important that you label all of your child’s clothes. It can be difficult for staff to find out who items belong to if they do not have a name inside.

Thank you for your co-operation.
An Exciting Half Term Ahead!

Wow we are into our new term and now we will be looking at ‘Seasons and Weather’. We will explore throughout the spring term the different seasons we have and will have a book focus as we explore them. Our first focus book will be ‘The Snowman’ by Raymond Briggs. We will use this focus in all of our learning and will be encouraging the children to do lots of talking about what they think, see and know. The aim of this topic is to help the children consider:

- The environment and the world around us.
- Things they have observed, changes and things they have found.
- Develop an understanding of stories and story language.

Please remember if you have any concerns about your child you can always see me and arrange a suitable time to discuss these matters.

Mrs Joyce (Class Teacher)

How can you help at home?

- Talk about the seasons at home. Talk about the changes which happen and encourage them to talk about the recent weather changes. Remind the children of any trips you have made where the weather has been different to what it was at home.
- Read a variety of books, magazines, leaflets and signs with your child. Show them that words are all around us and engage them in telling you what they might say.
- Counting in everyday life. Numbers are everywhere and the children can point to numbers and say them aloud. Use any available object to count with - fingers, teddies, books, crayons etc.
- Going on a number or alphabet hunt - children love looking for numbers or letters in the environment.
- Sing nursery rhymes and other songs with them. This is such a great help in supporting their language and writing skills.

Literacy, Numeracy and Values

**Literacy** - The main focus area will be on developing the children’s speaking and listening skills through a range story texts. We will be looking at using story language, explaining our thoughts and carefully listening to others so we can respond appropriately.

**Numeracy** - The main focus areas will be counting objects and saying number names in order, knowing that numbers identify how many are in a set, representing numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures, matching numerals to quantity.

**Values** - We are a ‘Values’ school which means we teach children about key values to enable them to go out into the world and make it a better place. Our Value for January is Perseverance and for February it is Being Friendly.