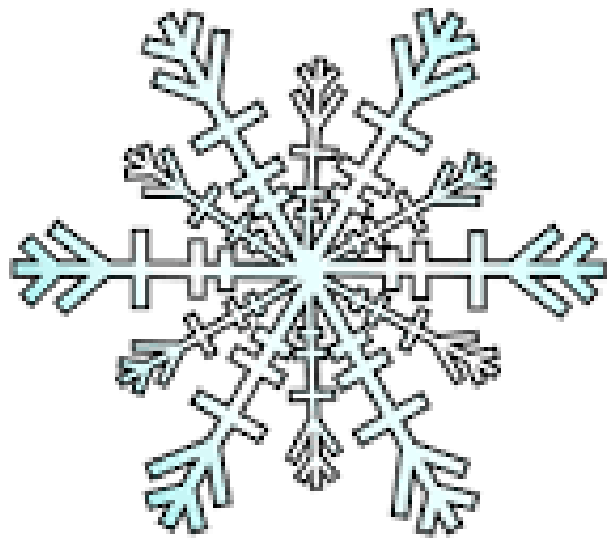


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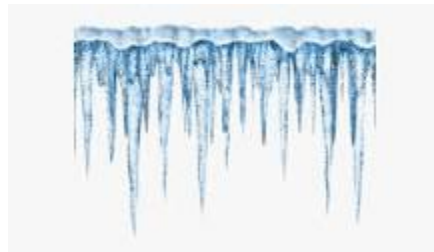
Nursery Newsletter  
Spring 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year for 2023! We are looking forward to yet another fun and busy half term.

On behalf of the Nursery team, I would like to say a big thank you for your amazing support at the end of last half term. We hope you enjoyed the Nursery's Christmas Helicopter Story. We would also like to thank you for your lovely cards, presents and well wishes for the Christmas period. We were overwhelmed with your generosity.

Our play journey last half term began to focus on ice as the weather took a cold turn. The children were interested in feeling it, cracking it and asked some great questions about it. Eg. "How did it get there?" This half term we will continue to build on the children's understanding of seasonal changes. We will utilise our walks around school to enable us to explore the magic of winter. We will also talk about where in the world the weather is cold all year round.

We are looking forward to seeing where else our interests take us in our learning journey over the half term.



### Literacy

We will continue enjoy Nursery Rhymes and songs. Our focus for moving and dancing will be to develop our gross motor skills for writing, this will be supported through our response to music.

We have been enjoying rhyming with our names in colour groups and we will be building on this by rhyming with objects as we play rhyming games. You can support your child at home by singing nursery rhymes and songs. Once they are confidently able to sing them, leave gaps for your child to fill in the missing rhyme. Below is a link to the CBeebies website which has lots of nursery rhymes that you can sing together:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-nursery-rhymes>

The story bus will be visiting the nursery for several afternoons this half term, your child will have the opportunity to hop onboard for one of the visits it makes and explore a library on the bus. Rest assured we are looking into dates for the morning session too later in the year.

Last half term there was lots of interest in making and posting messages which we will be continuing this half term. The children will also be encouraged to do lots of mark making in their play; to support this we will be using different media such as ice on dark paper, finger paints and glitter.



Please remember to return your child's library book at the beginning of your child's session on a Friday.

### Maths

Our mathematical challenge this half term is to count to 10 by rote. You can support your child with this by playing games such as 'hide and seek' as this will give them a purpose for counting. The children will also be encouraged to represent numbers in their own way through our play and exploration of winter. We may for example count the buttons on a snowman or snowflakes on a glove. The children will then be encouraged to draw the amount, write the numeral or show finger numbers to represent what they have counted.

We will be doing lots of sorting including sorting winter and summer clothes and thinking about the reasons behind our choices when sorting them. Towards the end of last half term there was lots of enthusiasm for exploring pattern, which we will continue to develop through art. Our artist focus this half term will be Wassily Kandinsky. We will also be taking the opportunity to notice patterns in the environment. Please support your child by pointing out any patterns you see, this could be on their clothes or out and about.



### A Few Reminders

Could you please inform us if your child has, or has developed a new, allergy that we are not yet aware of?

As ever please ensure your child **always** has a **named bag** on their peg with a spare set of clothes (including underwear, socks and shoes). Inside the bag needs to be a spare plastic bag for their wet clothes. The spare clothes are not just in case they have an accident, but in case they get wet in the water tray or perhaps fall in the mud. **This bag needs to be on your child's peg and stay in school unless a member of staff informs you of any wet clothes.**

We will continue to go outside in **all weathers** so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this. This will include a warm **waterproof** coat, waterproof shoes, a hat, gloves and a scarf. Although we have wellies in Nursery that we are happy for children to borrow should they need them, it is easier for your child if they have their own wellies that they can change into, especially on wet days. Please make sure all these items have your child's name on, so we can ensure they are returned to the rightful owner if they go missing.



Once again, a remember to check your emails for any updates to your child's learning journey and any homework activities on Tapestry. If you haven't already activated your Tapestry account, please ensure you do so by following the activation link from your emails. If you need any support with Tapestry, please see a member of the Nursery team.

The deadline for **applying for a school place in Reception (15<sup>th</sup> January)** is fast approaching! I know lots of parents have said that they have applied for their school place and received their email to confirm their application has been received. If you haven't already applied for a school place for September 2023 and **your child turns 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024** then you **MUST** apply for a school place through the council's webpage. See your Ping messages or the school website for details.

### Important Dates

As we will keep you informed of any updates, events and important memos on school ping, please make sure you have activated your account through the email link sent to you. Once this is activated, please ensure you check this regularly for any school updates.



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Stay and Play - details to follow on School Ping

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Children break-up for half term holiday - note no Nursery sessions on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February as this is a staff training day.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens after half term holiday

Here's to another brilliant half term!  
Thank you for your on-going support

**Mrs Sharp** - Teacher in Charge of Nursery and Green Group Key Worker

**Miss Driscoll** - Nursery Support Staff and Blue Group Key Worker

**Mrs Nazir** - Nursery Support Staff and Yellow Group Key Worker

**Mrs Butt** - Nursery and Reception Support Staff and Bi-Lingual Liaison Officer

**Mrs Ali** - Nursery Support Staff