



St Mary's Nursery, Writhlington

Welcome to Spring Term 1!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely to hear the children talking about what they did during their Christmas break.

Topic

Our topic this term is
'Nature & Wildlife'



This term we will be spending time exploring nature. We will be learning all about the importance of respecting animals and looking after wildlife.

What does my child need during a nursery session?

- book bag and reading record
- **at least** one set of spare uniform, including socks please!
- nappies/wipes if toilet training
- bottle filled with **water only**
- a warm waterproof coat
- wellies & all in one wet weather suit that can stay at Nursery please!

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name!

Lunches

Please do not allow your child to bring any chocolate or sweets in their lunchbox – we are a healthy school, and we want to encourage healthy eating – thank you! Alternatively, you can now order a hot school dinner via Parent Pay. They are £2.60 per meal unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you may be entitled, please speak to a member of staff for more information.

Phonics

This term in phonics we are introducing 'Little Wandle Letters & Sounds'. We feel that the children are ready for this next step, so we will be learning a new sound every week. They will be learning the sounds 's, a, t, p and i' this term so please encourage your child to tell you about the sounds they have learnt!



This term, the N1 group will also be invited to play games involving musical instruments and other sounds. The N2s will be invited to engage in activities involving alliteration and voice sounds. There is opportunity for all children to engage in these activities as they are fun and playful, and they enhance learning.

As part of phonics, we always learn a nursery rhyme each week, and this term we will be learning 'Wiggly Woo', 'A Wide-Eyed Owl', 'Chick, Chick Chicken', 'GRR, GRR Went the Big Brown Bear', 'Just Keep Swimming', 'Sleeping Bunnies' and 'Little Green Frog'. We encourage the children to share these songs with you at home, so please support them by singing along too!

Literacy

We will be sharing a number of key texts this term. The children really enjoy our 'together time' on the carpet, and so do the practitioners! The key texts this term are 'The Gruffalo', 'Superworm', 'The Wild Woods', 'Little by Little', 'Mad About Minibeasts', 'I Want a Cuddle' and 'Oi Frog!'

Reading

Please ensure your child is bringing their reading record and book to **every** session they attend. We share these books together at nursery at least once a week, and we invite you to share this book at home with your child, talking about the pictures and learning new words. We will change their books every week and your child will get to choose the book. This is the beginning of their exciting reading journey.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be learning about circles and triangles, the numbers '4' and '5', and positional language. We also learn a number song each week. Listen out for 'Here is the Beehive', '5 Little Owls', 'Hickety Pickety My Red Hen', '5 Little Bears', '10 Little Otters', '5 Little Bunnies' and '5 Little Speckled Frogs'. The children really enjoy singing and acting out the songs.

Tapestry and Dojo

Thank you to (almost) everyone for signing up to Class Dojo and Tapestry. If you haven't yet – please ensure that you do as soon as possible (and if you need some help, please speak to one of us)!

Tapestry is our **assessment portal**. We will be uploading photos regularly, and a learning summary once every 'big' term (Christmas, Easter, and Summer). You are welcome to add photos and tell us about what your child is doing at home too!

Class Dojo is our **communication platform**. We will send notices on the class 'story', and you can message directly too - it really is great for communication and information.

Outdoor Learning

As always, Little Acorns will be spending a lot of time in the great outdoors. During this term, the children will be developing their gross motor skills on the outdoor climbing equipment, we will be going on a 'Worm Hunt' in the conservation area, and the children will also be making bird feeders! The children really enjoy going outdoors and exploring the beautiful school grounds.

We request that all children come with the appropriate clothing (wellies, wet weather suit, spare uniform) – we are aiming to go outside in all weather conditions.

