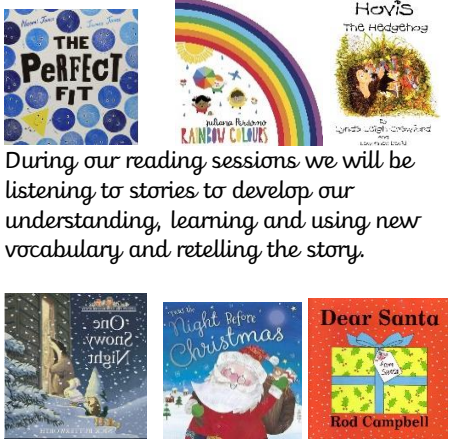




Nursery Parent Newsletter



KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM	OUR READING TEXTS	WRITING	MATHS
<p>This half term we will be reading stories about colours, shapes and making comparisons to extend our vocabulary. We will also be discussing woodland animals, Autumn and start to learn about celebrations. Finally, we will move onto Christmas with a big focus on singing and performing in the last few weeks before we break up at half term.</p> <p>We will be focussing on Phase 1 phonics, specifically initial sounds and rhyming words. We will continue to practise other phonics skills throughout the year to thoroughly embed them.</p>	<p>OUR READING TEXTS</p>  <p>During our reading sessions we will be listening to stories to develop our understanding, learning and using new vocabulary and retelling the story.</p>	<p>WRITING</p> <p>We will be developing our gross motor skills in preparation for writing. We will be completing daily Dough Disco activities and dancing with scarfs during Squiggle While You Wriggle.</p> <p>Developing our shoulder, neck, arm and wrist muscles helps us in preparation for writing later in the year.</p> <p>We will also have plenty of opportunities to mark make in various ways using pens, pencils, chalks and paints.</p>	<p>MATHS</p> <p>In Maths we will be singing lots of our favourite number songs and starting to learn to count out loud and in order.</p> <p>Our teaching focus will be on sorting and categorising, discussing colours, sizes, shapes, similarities and differences. Then we will move onto to comparisons such as weights and measures.</p> <p>Throughout learning our new skills, we will be revisiting and consolidating counting and subitising from last half term.</p>
<p>WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME</p> <p>One of the best ways to support your child at home is to share a book together every night. Talk about the pictures, the characters, the events and the setting. Discuss the vocabulary and make predictions about what might happen next.</p> <p>We will post regularly on class dojo with updates on our learning, take the time to talk together about this and engage with our posts.</p> <p>When talking with your children, model correct pronunciation and speech to support their developing phonics skills, especially the initial sounds. For example, if your child says "nanana" for banana, do not be afraid to repeat the correct pronunciation back to them emphasising the "b".</p>	<p>MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING</p> <p>Please be mindful that the run up to Christmas whilst being exciting can also be very busy and stressful for all involved. There are lots of activities going on and children will naturally be tired. Where possible we recommend sticking to a routine.</p> <p>For more information on bedtimes and sleeping:</p> <p>https://www.betterhealthatworkaward.org.uk/The%20Good%20Night%20Guide%20for%20Children.pdf</p> <p>We recommend no screens before bed, a bath or shower and story together.</p> <p>If you are struggling with any aspect of starting school or would like any help, advice or just a chat please speak to your child's teacher, Miss Bartle (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Stringwell (Learning Mentor). We are all more than happy to help.</p>	<p>EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES</p> <p>Monday 13th November – Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying awareness (no donation needed)</p> <p>Friday 17th November – Children in Need (more details to follow regarding dressing up)</p> <p>Friday 24th November – Non uniform day – paid for through Xmas fayre donations.</p> <p>Monday December 4th – Christmas Fayre after school.</p> <p>Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>Monday 18th December – Nursery Christmas Concert & Christmas Stay and Play (10am and 2pm)</p> <p>Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party (parents to donate food – information closer to the time) & Break up for Christmas.</p>	