

Grove Road Primary School



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Nursery Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back after our Christmas holiday! We hope you all had a brilliant time and are now ready to begin a new term with us!

Please keep checking the parent information board in the entrance for any updates or reminders and remember that the door is always open for any questions or queries no matter how small. Please also remember to check the coloured trays under the book bag boxes for any letters or work children would like to bring home. Letters will be individually labelled with your child's initials. Although we do our best to let you know when there are letters to be collected, we do encourage you to check the drawer regularly.

If your child will be collected by someone other than yourself or by someone we have not met before, you must inform a member of the nursery team and supply a password. We will not let your child leave the building if we are not aware of the adult collecting your child.

Routine

We are continuing to encourage your children to be more independent; particularly when arriving at school and getting ready to go home. This involves the children finding their own peg, taking off and putting on their own coats, changing their shoes and toileting. Children are also encouraged to put their book bags in the correct coloured box. You could also encourage your child to become more independent when getting changed at home, ready for when they change into their PE kit in Reception.

If you have any questions about how to help your child be more independent in these areas at home please do not hesitate to ask.

Please ensure a named change of clothing is on your child's peg and if they bring in a water bottle that it only has water in it.

Busy Fingers

'Busy Finger' sessions take place between 8.30am and 9.00am and 12:30 and 1:00. This is a time when your children can show you what they have been learning, you can learn together and warm up those fingers for the day. This is a time when you have the opportunity to admire your child's Learning Journal together. Please ensure your child is in for these times so that they have the chance to settle in before the day ahead.

PE Days

PE days take place on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. During these sessions the children do not change into a new set of clothes so please dress your child in something that is easy for them to move in. This is a time when we again encourage independence with shoes and socks so practising these skills at home would be a great help.

Topic

Our first topic for the Spring Term is 'Winter'. Following the EYFS framework, alongside our main topic, we also run activities based on the children's interests. The children were showing an interest for animals around the world; therefore we will begin to learn about some animals, starting in the North and South Pole! We will also be learning about the Seasons and winter weather. Future Topics will include dinosaurs, volcanoes and Chinese New Year.

To keep you informed about what we are doing at Nursery, we have a curriculum board which includes key dates this term as well as information provided by pupils that is of interest to them. We will place these onto the board for you to see how we incorporate pupil interests into our topic.

Your child is welcome to borrow a book from Nursery to take home and return the following week. Books can be found by our Reading Corner. Please remember to share a book with your child every night to help their imagination grow. Let us know of any favourite stories we can share or topics we can learn about together next!

The Learning Habits

We will be introducing four characters to help the children think about their learning. This week we have been talking about Will the Determined Woodpecker, who keeps on trying and never gives up. We will be reminding the children to be like Will, to keep on trying, when they are learning in Nursery.

Will-Power the Determined Woodpecker

I will keep trying, I won't give up.

I will find a way, there is always a solution.

I will stay focused, I can manage my distractions.

I will improve, there are no limits to what I can achieve.

I will succeed despite difficulties.

I have the willpower to always try my best.



Colin the Curious Owl



Can I be open minded?

Can I ask an interesting question?
(Who? What? When? Where? Why?)

Can I think of a different way?

Can I find links and patterns within my learning?

Can I try something new?

Buzz-bee the Confident Communicator



Be a good listener and hear the buzz.

Be adventurous and share your ideas.

Being part of a team helps us to learn.

Be empathetic and try to see things from another viewpoint.

Be brave and speak with confidence.

Indie the Independent Squirrel



I like to take charge of my own learning.

I use my mistakes to learn more.

I can plan my steps to success.

I know what I am good at and where I need to improve.

I know what I need to help me become an independent learner.

Sound of the week

Each week Nursery has a focus sound of the week, which is displayed inside the porch door. You may find it useful to have a list of the sounds in advance.

Week starting	Sound
07.01.19	g
14.01.19	o
21.01.19	c
28.01.19	k
04.02.19	e
11.02.19	u

Wow Board

We have been enjoying looking at your child's 'wow' moments and proudly displaying them on the wall in our entrance. We will stick those from last term in the children's Learning Journals. We would love you to continue completing these so we can see what they have been achieving at home! Please ask a member of staff where to find the slips if you are unsure. We also have comment sheets, which you are welcome to complete after you have looked at your child's Journal. This gives you another opportunity to contribute to the Learning Journals.

Hair Care Reminder

As you know Head Lice can be a problem. We do ask that you continue to regularly check your child's hair for any signs of Head Lice or eggs. If your child gets Head Lice it does NOT mean your child's hair is dirty. They like clean, dry hair. Regular sessions combing with a Nit Comb and keeping long hair tied back is essential in preventing Head Lice problems in school. If you have any questions about Head Lice or how to treat them please ask a member of our team.

Junk Modelling and resource Donations

To help with our creativity we would still appreciate any recycled materials such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes and pots.

Any cornflour, pasta, rice, shaving foam, cereals would also be appreciated for sensory play.

Spare clothes

Please ensure that your child has a bag of spare clothes, socks and underwear in school so that we can change them if they become wet outside in these colder months. If you borrow clothes from school please ensure that you return them to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Harrison, Mrs Oakley and the Nursery Team.