

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 next year.

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.

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.

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.

Busy Fingers

'Busy Finger' sessions take place between 8.30am and 9.00am and 12:30 and 1:00pm. 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. You are welcome to have a look at the exciting things your child

has been up to in Nursery and fill in a comments sheet or speech bubble. You may wish to write a comment about the Journal itself or let us know of something interesting your child has said at home. This could reflect their learning or understanding of the world. We will be happy to stick it in for you. If your child does not attend Nursery on their specific colour group day below, please let us know, and we will be happy to show you their journal when it suits you.

Monday = Blue group

Tuesday = Red group

Wednesday = Green group

Thursday = Yellow group

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; starting in the North and South Pole! We will also be learning about the seasons and winter weather. Future topics will include Frozen, 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.

Library Books

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!

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
07.01.20	g
13.01.20	o
20.01.20	c
27.01.20	k
03.02.20	e
10.02.20	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 'Thank you' sheets which we will give out to you to complete after you have looked at your child's Journal. This gives you another opportunity to contribute to them.

Bear in the Bag

This term to develop the children's confidence in speaking and listening we are continuing our Bear in a Bag.

Each week two children will be chosen to bring a bear home for the weekend. Please would you help your child to write about the bear's stay with you on one page in the book? You might want to stick in some photos or pictures too. The children will then be encouraged to talk about the bear's visit using the writing and photos in the book to support them.

The Learning Habits

We will be reminding the children about the four characters, who help their learning. 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Will-Power the Determined Woodpecker</p> <p>I will keep trying, I won't give up.</p> <p>I will find a way, there is always a solution.</p> <p>I will stay focused, I can manage my distractions.</p> <p>I will improve, there are no limits to what I can achieve.</p> <p>I will succeed despite difficulties.</p> <p>I have the willpower to always try my best.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Colin the Curious Owl</p>  <p>Can I be open minded?</p> <p>Can I ask an interesting question? (Who? What? When? Where? Why?)</p> <p>Can I think of a different way?</p> <p>Can I find links and patterns within my learning?</p> <p>Can I try something new?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Buzz-bee the Confident Communicator</p>  <p>Be a good listener and hear the buzz.</p> <p>Be adventurous and share your ideas.</p> <p>Being part of a team helps us to learn.</p> <p>Be empathetic and try to see things from another viewpoint.</p> <p>Be brave and speak with confidence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Indie the Independent Squirrel</p>  <p>I like to take charge of my own learning.</p> <p>I use my mistakes to learn more.</p> <p>I can plan my steps to success.</p> <p>I know what I am good at and where I need to improve.</p> <p>I know what I need to help me become an independent learner.</p>

Junk modelling and resources donations

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

We would also welcome donations of any offcuts of soft wood, for the children to hammer nails into to create simple models.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Harrison, Mrs Oakley and the Nursery Team