

Nursery Class Newsletter Summer 2



We are delighted to welcome your child back for their final term in Nursery! We are so proud of how far the children have come. Our topic is 'Come Outside!'. We will be exploring the season of Summer, minibeasts and the seaside. Our new role play area is a Bakery and tea room, which has been created in response to the children's keen interest in making their teachers pretend cakes. There will be lots of opportunity for imaginative play and for some real baking too.

This newsletter will give you an overview of the main activities that we have planned for this half term and some other key information. Our activities are planned to meet the different Foundation Stage areas of learning. These are: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design and Religious Education. Below are just some of the many activities that the children will be doing to support their learning in these areas. Some activities will also be planned based on the children's interests.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Sun safety
Making healthy choices
How to show love towards others
Being part of a community
Transition to Reception class - talking about different emotions
Taking part in group/ team games
Taking part in school events - sports day, summer concert



Communication and Language

Engaging in longer conversations
Learning and using new vocabulary
Answering a wide range of questions
Listening to others
Joining in with longer stories and songs
Using longer sentences with joining words
Understands prepositions (on, under, behind, next to)



Physical Development

Fine motor dough disco routines
Large scale mark making
Digging in the mud kitchen and sand pit
Throwing and catching skills
Cutting skills- using scissors with more control
Beginning to use cutlery to cut own foods
Weekly Music and Movement or Gross Motor Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle session
Group/ team games



Expressive Arts and Design

Imaginative play in our role play bakery
Looking at the work of artists - Creating Matisse inspired snails
Creating minibeasts with different materials
Acting out The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Creating seaside collages



Mathematics

Consolidating and problem solving using numbers 0-5
Exploring capacity - full, half full and empty
Exploring length - longer, shorter
Exploring weight - heavier, lighter
Creating own patterns



Understanding the World

The season of Summer
Learning names of different minibeasts
Looking for different minibeasts
Exploring forces
Exploring floating and sinking
Exploring natural materials from the seaside
Exploring freezing and melting
Talking about different celebrations
Baking
Learning about the seaside



Come outside!

Our traditional tale this half term is:

The Three Billy Goats Gruff



Literacy

Having longer conversations about stories
Retelling key story events in more detail
Learning and beginning to use the names of the different parts in a book e.g. title, front cover
Recognises some familiar letters
Uses some familiar letters in writing



Phase 1 Phonics

We will continue recapping Phase 1 Phonics - rhyming and oral segmenting and blending

Phase 2 Phonics

We will continue to learn Phase 2 phonics sounds and will be identifying words that begin with this sound.



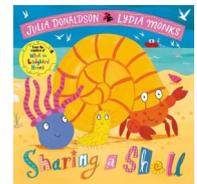
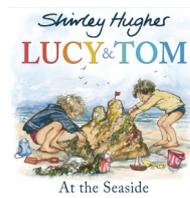
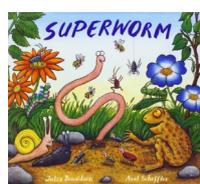
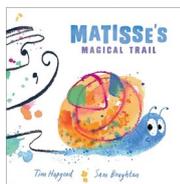
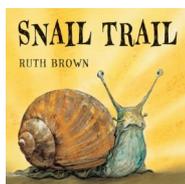
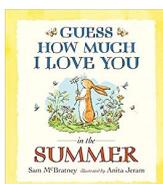
Religious Education

Pentecost
Special Celebrations



Focus stories

Lots of our activities in Nursery are based around a focus story for the week. Our focus stories for this half term include:



Perhaps you have some of these stories at home that you can read at bed time together. You could also visit your local library to choose these stories to read together.

P.E kit

The children will continue to have P.E with Port Vale on a Monday afternoon.

Children should continue to **arrive at school in their uniform** and bring their P.E kit in a named bag. Children will change into their P.E kit before their P.E session and will go home wearing this.

A reminder that our P.E uniform is:

- Black shorts/leggings/joggers
- Red/blue/yellow/green plain t-shirt (depending on your child's house team) - Please ask if you are unsure.
 - Black pumps/trainers.

No jewellery should be worn to school at any time. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named.

What can you do at home?

- Provide opportunities to talk, read and sing together.
- Support and encourage your child's important independence skills - such as using tissues, washing and drying hands, helping with dressing and undressing and going to the toilet independently.
- Support our learning of numbers by using the 'Ten Town' home resources.
- Share your child's reading book together **at least three times a week.**
- Complete a weekly homework task.
- Help your child to recognise their name and talk about the sound it begins with.

Key events this term...

- Our class trip to **Gruff Outdoor Learning is on Friday 17th June.** Please ensure that you have read the letter and have returned the reply slip by **Friday 10th June.** Please ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns regarding our trip.
- Our school art exhibition is on **Wednesday 8th June.** Please come along to celebrate the children's fantastic work.
- Class photographs on **Wednesday 8th June.**
- The Library Van is visiting us on **Monday 13th June** (More information to follow).
- Sports day (More information to follow)
- Summer concert (More information to follow).
- The children will be spending time in their new Reception class once a week.

Reminders

- Now that the weather is getting warmer, it is **essential** that your child has:

**A water bottle filled with water every day.
A bottle of sun cream and a sun hat (clearly labelled with their name) that can be kept in school.**



- Please let a member of staff know if you would like to be a 'Mystery Reader' this term.
- Please regularly look at the Nursery class page on the school website for updates about our learning.
- Please ensure all contact information is up to date (you should be receiving school letters via email).
- Please update your contact preferences at the school office if you are not receiving text reminders and would like to.
- Your child can come to school wearing their own clothes when it is their birthday.
- Please continue to share WOW moments from home with us. We also love receiving photographs and videos of special moments from home too.

To support the children's learning about special celebrations, please send a photograph of your child at a special celebration (e.g. birthday, wedding) to our school email address.

Please add your child's name to the email.



Key events in our week...

P.E with Port Vale on **Monday**
Homework books collected in on **Monday**
Music lesson with our specialist Music teacher on a **Wednesday**
Homework books returned on a **Wednesday**
Visit to the school library on a **Friday**

Staff members are available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns once we have ensured that all children have entered or left the classroom safely.
Alternatively, Miss Bridges can arrange with you a separate time to answer any questions or discuss any concerns privately.

