



## Nursery Spring 1 Newsletter 2023

### Meet the Team



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### Topic Overview & Key Text

This half term we will be reading and learning the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. This is a book that many of you will have heard of. Many of you will have already shared this book with your child.

It is a super book for Nursery children due to its repetition, encouraging children to act it out. It also supports children's imagination as they pretend to go on a bear hunt. We will be thinking about the journey that the characters in the story go on. That will encourage us to go on our own journey to Asda. We will think about our local community and what makes it special.



We will be buying the ingredients to make snow cakes. We will talk about and observe the changes to the mixture as we add the ingredients and stir... not to mention what happens when the mixture goes in the oven! We will be painting with cold colours and painting pictures of snow bears, polar bears and penguins. We will investigate all things cold including ice. We will then talk about what it looks like and how it feels. We hope that it snows so that we can build a snowman!

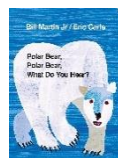


### Reading

Every **Friday**, your child will choose a story book from the Nursery library to borrow. Please enjoy reading these books at home and return them to school the following **Thursday**

### English

We will learn the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' off by heart. We will practise saying the repeated phrases. We will also talk about the different sounds in the story (squelch, squerch. Swishy swashy, splish splash, stumble trip)



We will learn all about bears, including polar bears. We will find out where they live, what they eat and a WOW fact. We will learn lots of new words. We will also learn about other animals that live in the cold such as penguins.

### Maths

For the first week of this half term, we will recap our Number Rhymes. Then, we will carry on counting groups to 6, saying numbers in the right order, saying one number each time we count and always saying how many there are.

We will move onto thinking about adding groups together and taking away by telling number stories. **First**, there were three bears. **Then**, one left the cave. **Now** there are two bears



At the end of this term, we will look at and explore numerals for the first time.

### Applying for a Reception place September 2023

Please ensure you have applied for your Reception place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This can be completed online. If you need support, please ask Miss Hussey and she will be happy to help.

### Homework

Your child will be bringing home a pack to help develop their fine motor skills. This will include a name card, some writing patterns and some other activities. Practice counting through the use of rhymes and objects. Read with your child for at least ten minutes every day and begin to help them write their name.



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### Nursery Dates and Routines

| Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays                    | Fridays |
|---------|----------|------------|------------------------------|---------|
|         |          |            | Stay and Play<br>8:40 – 9:10 |         |