



## Nursery Spring 1 Newsletter 2023

### Meet the Team



**Miss Twine**  
Class Teacher



**Mrs Akbari**  
Teaching Assistant



**Miss Sweeney**  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Younas**  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Chaudury**  
Teaching Assistant

### 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 wonderful story for Nursery children and will provide us with many opportunities to be adventurous and imaginative. We will be going on nature walks, exploring natural materials and thinking about journeys we have been on. 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!



We will also be learning all about bears including polar bears and brown bears. We will find out what they eat; where they live and a WOW fact.

### Reading and Phonics

The children will engage in storytelling, sing songs and use puppets to increase their awareness of words that rhyme and to develop knowledge about rhyme. They will recognise rhyming words, listen and attend to the rhyming strings and generate their own rhymes.



Every **Friday** your child will choose a story book from the Nursery library to borrow. Books must be returned before another book can be borrowed. Please check if you still have any Nursery books at home.



### Writing

During Spring 1 we will be building on the storytelling language we have developed.



Adults in the classroom will encourage children to begin thinking of their own narratives and scribing the children's ideas.

We will explore mark making for different purposes such as lists, cards, signs and more! We will be working together to write a shopping list when we go on a journey to a local shop.

### Maths



This half term, we will be building on our number knowledge and exploring the different ways we can make quantities. We will be learning to recognise the numbers 1-5 and matching them to quantities.

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.

We will be using our key text to talk about and explore position, moving puppets to show on, in, under, beside and between.

### Applying for a Reception place September 2023

Please ensure you have applied for your Reception place by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This can be completed online. If you need support, please ask Miss Twine and she will be happy to help.



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## Nursery Dates & Routines

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
			Mystery Reader	Story Share

### Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Wednesday 4th January 2023  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Friday 17th February 2023

#### **Staff Training Day**

School Re-opens at 8:40am  
Reception applications close  
School Closes at 3:15pm

### Half Term

Monday 27th February 2023  
Tuesday 28th February 2023  
Friday 31st March 2023

#### **Staff Training Day**

School Re-opens at 8:40am  
School Closes at 3:15pm

### Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023  
Monday 1st May 2023  
Friday 26th May 2023

School Re-opens at 8:40am  
**Bank Holiday (School is Closed for the day)**  
School Closes at 3:15pm

### Half Term

Monday 5th June 2023  
Friday 21st July 2023

School Re-opens at 8:40am  
School Closes at 3:15pm