



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Lent 2 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

As we begin a new half-term at Nursery, we want to extend a warm welcome back to all of our new and returning families. We hope you had a restful break and that your children are ready for the exciting learning and exploration that lies ahead! We look forward to seeing all that they achieve.

Liturgical prayer in Nursery

During this half term, we are going to learn the Bible story Noah's Ark. Each week, we will explore the story and learn how Noah was so grateful to God for saving him and his family. He thanked God and God sent a rainbow. We will link this to our school value of 'gratitude'. We will pray and thank God for all the beautiful things in our world. We will learn the song 'Rise and Shine' with Mr Walters.



Our local environment



We have learned a lot about our Nursery and school. We are expanding this and now learning about our local environment. We will look at the environment around us and talk about what we can see, hear and touch. We will learn about the beautiful things growing, natural landscapes, buildings and their uses.

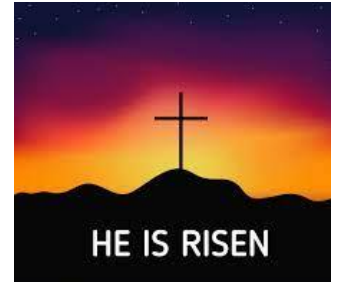
Making friends

This half term we will continue to learn to be peacemakers linking to our school values – show respect and be generous. We have worked hard to learn to play together so now we are going to find solutions to conflict in a **calm and friendly** way. We are also going to become independent when we 'choose it, use it and put it away'. The children are amazing and choosing and using but we often forget to put it away! We want the children to serve others and leave the Nursery tidy and inviting for our friends.

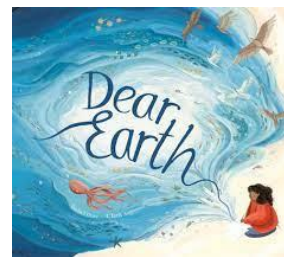


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We will complete our Gathering topic and value of the importance of Mass at church. We will move onto our Easter topic. A time for growing our love! We will start by looking at how much we have grown. Please send a baby photo to kdickson@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk so we can celebrate how much we have grown and how our grown ups have helped us. We will make Lenten promises and have a Lenten tree on our prayer table to celebrate the love and care we are showing. We will also be looking for volunteers to help and support our Easter craft afternoon. This will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 2pm.



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March



We love stories and books in Nursery and we can't wait to celebrate World Book Day. We are going to join the school and study the beautiful book 'Dear Earth'.

We are going to explore the page with the animals creating a 'hulaballo!' by creating a hulaballo in Nursery. We will write a letter to Earth about the amazing animals we love. The teachers are going to come in cozy pyjamas with a snuggly teddy! We will have hot chocolate and teddies.



Writing

We are supporting the children to write all the letters of their name. They are really progressing and are so proud when they add their name to their work. We will continue to focus on forming these letters correctly. We will also begin to hear initial sounds in words and learn how we write these sounds down. We will continue to focus on a strong pencil grip and strong bodies.



Magical Maths

We are learning some super skills this half term. We are going to do lots of measuring to work out what is tall/short/taller than/shorter than. The children have already made a great start to this!

Our key rhyme for this half term is:

- 5 little ducks went swimming one day

We will learn the rhyme really well and explore lots of counting skills including subitising and careful counting up to 5. We will spend time exploring numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numerals up to 5. We will learn to recite numerals beyond 5.

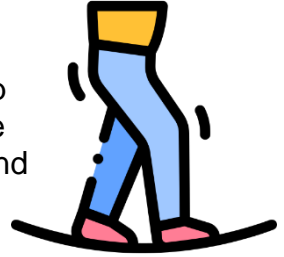


Visit to the park

To celebrate our learning about the local environment, we are going to visit the park and have a picnic! The Year 6 children will be joining us and looking after us. We will play on the park, play some games and look at the trees and flowers growing.

PE Fundamentals

This half term we are learning fundamental skills that will help improve our physical skills. We will be balancing, controlling and moving in lots of challenging ways. We will become stronger and more agile.



Final note!

We ask for £1 a half term to contribute towards baking and additional snacks. We would really appreciate it if you could pay a teacher at the door. We thank you for your contribution of this.

If you are looking for healthier pack lunches, please visit the website below for ideas.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Dates for your diary:

Baby photo by Friday 3rd March 2023

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2023

Easter craft day Wednesday 22nd March at 2pm

Visit to the park – last week of term. Date to be confirmed!