



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

Lent 1 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas time and would like to wish you and your family a very happy new year. It sounds like Santa was very busy visiting our Nursery children! We are looking forward to a fun half term continuing with our great learning together.

Nursery is a full and busy place!

We would like to welcome all our new families to our Nursery community. We are thrilled you have joined us. It is important that we work together to ensure everyone stays happy and safe. Here are just a few ways we can do this:

- Velcro shoes wherever possible
- Label all items of clothing, this will ensure a swift return!
- Please no toys from home— children get upset when others bring things from home as they have been told they are not allowed. No toys means no unnecessary upset.
- Ensure children wear suitable clothing for climbing outdoors and using the toilet.

We really appreciate your time and support with the above. Small things have a really big impact on the children's day and we want them to be as happy as possible!



Understanding and helping others

We have been learning about our own emotions during the Advent term. We are now going to learn how to spot how others might be feeling and how we can look after each other. We will play bingo with emotion cards and have a colour monster check in point.



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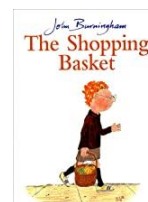
Our first topic this half term is 'Celebrating.' We will be talking about the times our children have gathered with their families to celebrate special occasions such as their own and other's birthdays. We will think about celebrations experienced in church. We will then move onto the topic 'gathering', looking at the special features in church and how we celebrate during mass. We look forward to giving the



the opportunity to talk to Father Philipp and give him a flower arrangement we have made for him to take back to Church. Please encourage your child to look at paintings, statues and the altar area in church during family visits. Our Liturgical prayer is the bible story The Good Samaritan. We will link this to our school value: Serving others. We will learn that we can be good Samaritans and help each other.

We love reading

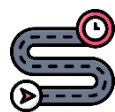
This half term we will be reading books that link to our local community. They include:



We will be learning about our local community: what is within it, all the places and people we might see. If any lovely parents out there would like to come and talk to Nursery about their jobs for 5 minutes at the end of the day, we would be incredibly grateful. We would love to hear about many different professions. We want to inspire the children to think about what jobs they would like in the future so we are going to have a 'When I grow up, I want to be... day' The children can come dressed as them in the future on



Wednesday 5th February 2025.



Locations and maps link

This half term is a perfect opportunity to explore maps and locations around our school and homes. We will follow a map of our school to find Mrs Toner's office, a map of our community, to locate the bakers shop, the helicopter park and church. We will be building our local community at the construction area with mini me's and the children's roads signs and shop names.

Magical Maths

We are going to learn some super skills this half term. We are going to get our thinking caps on to construct people and places in our community. We will also build buses, trams and trains with the large crates outside. We will select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof etc.

Our key rhyme for this half term is:

5 current buns in a bakers shop

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. At the end of the half term we will visit the school cake shop on **Tuesday 11th February**. The children will be earning some pocket money to pay for their cake.



Writing

The children have become confident writers and are starting to give meaning to their marks. On a daily basis, our writing basket is full of letters, messages, cards and lists. It's superb! To build on this, we are looking at the marks we are making in greater depth. We will focus on getting a strong pencil grip and how to correctly write the letters in our names. We will also be spending time drawing with increasingly complexity and detail. Such as representing the characters from our stories. We will also begin to look at initial sounds of words 'b for biscuit, looks like this.'; The children will be introduced to an alphabet card.

Getting our groove on!

We love to get the disco ball out and have a good dance! During our PE sessions, we are going to skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues. We are going to develop our dance skills and be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music, we are going to learn Nanny Knowles' favourite 'Agadoo.'



Flying Fridays

The children can bring their own bikes and scooters every Friday to practise their balancing and riding skills on the big playground. We have Nursery bikes so do not worry if you don't have one. Please ensure all bikes and scooters are safe for riding and don't forget your helmet!

Painting

The children have already learned a lot about paint brushes and different strokes. We are now moving on to different painting techniques including: bubble painting, string painting, marble painting, printing and scraping. We will also be looking at joining materials at the workshop.



Jubilee Year of hope

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will be raising awareness and supporting our local community by caring for our surroundings and sharing joy and singing at the Little Lambs baby group. We will also be going on a pilgrimage to the school's chapel.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th February: Come dressed as what you would like to be when you are older!

Tuesday 11th February: Visit to the school's bakers shop

Friday 14th February: INSET Day

Monday 24th February: INSET Day

A warm welcome to our new Nursery staff member

Mrs Wood

The children are already enjoying her company!

