

Nursery Newsletter - Spring 1

IMPORTANT DATES

29th Jan - Chinese New Year food tasting

4th Feb - Messy play day

14th Feb – Valentines Party

14th Feb – Last day

25th Feb – Back to Nursery

4th and 5th March – Parents evening

Welcome back!

It has been lovely getting to know the children and hearing all about their adventures during the Christmas break.

As we head into the Spring term (and hopefully more sunshine) we will be focusing our learning on a fantastic new book called ‘You Choose’ by Pippa Goodhart. We will be exploring a range of themes through this book such as transport, the world, jobs and people who help us. We will also be learning about three celebrations which fall in our Spring term, Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, and Valentine’s Day.

New Starters

A huge welcome to our new children who started their Nursery journey with us this week. They have settled in really well with the help of our existing children and we look forward to sharing and supporting them through their learning at Grange.



Messy play day!

**Tuesday 4th February** is our next messy play day – we will be enjoying a wide range of activities and getting very messy! Children should come to Nursery in old clothes you don’t mind them getting dirty!

Valentines Party

On **Friday 14th February** we will be having a Valentines party at Nursery. Children are invited to come in their party clothes. We will be enjoying a disco, party games, some special snacks and valentines’ crafts.

Snack money

Thank you to those parents who have already paid for snack. This is charged at **£1 per week** for part time children and **£1.50 per week** for full time **(£6 for part time children, £9 for full time** this half term).This must be paid in cash to a member of the Nursery team. Many thanks.

Bedtime Books

Bedtime books are sent home on a Tuesday and Friday and give the children the opportunity to access a wide range of texts. Please share these at home and then return them so your child can choose a new book.

Many thanks,

The Nursery Team

Miss Darnell, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Gill

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| Personal Social and Emotional DevelopmentWe will be continuing to practice personal, social and emotional skills through play in Nursery. We will be taking turns with others and sharing resources. We will continue to follow Nursery rules and talk about why it is important to do so. We will be talking about a range of feeling and using words to express how we feel. | Communication and LanguageThis half term we will be continuing to use stories as a driver for our learning. We will be talking about what happens and predicting what may happen next. We will be developing our vocabulary, learning, and using new words through our topic work. We will be asking and answering a range of questions, using them to help drive our learning forward. We will be working on using longer sentences when talking and sharing our ideas with others.  | Physical DevelopmentIn PE, we will be exploring movement to music. We will be experimenting using our bodies to move to different beats and learning a short dance routine. We will continue to practice our gross motor skills outside, negotiating a range of obstacles and moving over, under and through and variety of objects. We will be using scissors and other tools to cut and mould a range of materials. We will be having a go at putting our coats, hats and scarves on independently. | LiteracyWe will be continuing to practice our fine motor skills. We will be working hard on recognising and writing our name.We will be thinking carefully about story language and learning lots of new vocabulary.We will be using mind maps to retell familiar stories, adding some key words.  |
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| Characteristics of Effective LearningPlaying and exploring Showing curiosity about objects.Using senses to explore the world.Engaging in open ended activities.Pretending objects are things from their experience.Representing their experiences in play,Taking on a role in their play. | MathematicsThis half term we will be thinking about the composition of numbers to 10. We will be learning number bonds to 5, representing amounts on 5 frames and writing number sentences. We will be thinking about mass and capacity. Investigating and exploring these concepts through play.We will also be continuing to learn about 2D shapes, making patterns and describing them. |
| Expressive Arts and DesignWe will continue to explore our understanding through role play, acting out real life and imaginative experiences. We will be investigating a range of messy play materials, using tools to mould and manipulate these. We will be concentrating on our drawing skills, adding detail to pictures and using colour for a purpose.  | Understanding the WorldThis half term we will be learning about a range of different jobs and exploring new vocabulary around this. We will be learning about the world and looking at different countries on a world map. We will be exploring how things work and a range of transport. We will be learning about new celebrations and how different people celebrate special events. |