

# Nursery Spring Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the spring term!

We aim to make children's learning experience purposeful and fun. Thank you to all those parents who have shared their child's achievements on the speech bubbles provided. These are located near the nursery front door for you to continue to share your child's experiences. If you need any assistance with using these, please ask an EYFS member of staff.

We have another fun term ahead and we encourage parents and carers to support children in their learning by talking about specific information related to each topic such as 'Superheroes', 'People who help us' and 'Space'.

Our trip this half term is to Blackhorse Road train station.

Thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to an exciting term with your children!

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## Literacy



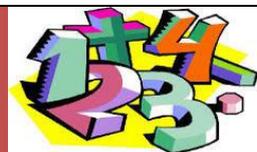
Reading and enjoyment of stories is very important for our children, so please remember to make use of the public library and borrow books. Books will be allocated weekly using the interactive online resource 'Bug club' which can be accessed at:

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) and all children have individual username and passwords.

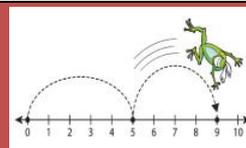
We'll be focusing on remembering characters and events in stories and looking at different types of books. We'll be practising writing our names and perfecting our pencil hold. Rhyme and alliteration will be a large focus of Nursery phonics sessions.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>



## Mathematical Development



Spotting numbers and shapes in the environment is a really useful way of helping children remember them. We will be learning about putting shapes together to make patterns and about matching numbers to quantities of objects.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)



# Topics



## Our topics for this term are 'Superheroes' and 'Space'

We will be learning about superheroes and people who help us; for example police officers, fire fighters, doctors, nurses. We will also be exploring key concepts about space which will include the planets, stars, gravity, light and dark. It would be beneficial to your child if you could explore these topics further. This may include going on a bus/train journey, visiting the Science Museum or simply pointing out anything that may be related to the topic as and when you see them.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



# Cooking



The children will be taking part in cooking once a week, usually on a Thursday. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to practise their motor skills and they all enjoy it! We are asking for a contribution of 50p a week to cover the cost of ingredients. You can also pay on a half termly basis if it is more convenient. This term the contribution will be **£3.50**.

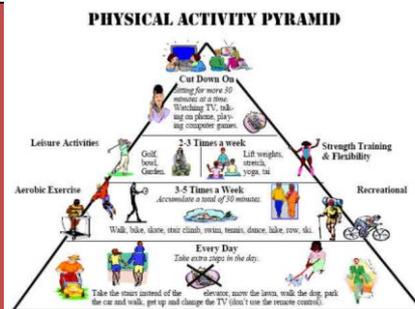


# Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning is an important part of Foundation stage. As the children may be outside for parts of the day, please ensure that they come to school with appropriate clothing, e.g. warm coat and Wellies.



# PE



We will be doing P.E. every Tuesday. Please send pair of plimsolls in a bag for your child to wear during P.E. It is very helpful if you **name** them. We will be focusing on climbing, traveling, catching a large ball, running negotiating space successfully and drawing using gross motor movements for example large chalk.



## General notices/requests

### **Change of clothes**

Please bring in a change of clothes for your child, labelled and in a labelled bag. This helps when a child needs changing.

### **Personal and Social Development**

Please help your child to become more independent by encouraging and allowing time for him/her to put on their coat unaided.

We encourage parent/carers to help children become more independent by saying goodbye at the door. This allows the children to develop more confidence and will help them with transition to reception.

### **Nursery Times**

Our Nursery times are as follows:

Morning Nursery times are: 8.45am to 11.45am.

Afternoon Nursery times are: 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

Now that we are all settled in, the Nursery door will be closing a little bit earlier to allow us to start group work with the children sooner.

**Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your child!**

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