

Nursery Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Summer term has arrived and we are hoping for some lovely sunshine! When the warmer weather does arrive, please send your child to Nursery with a named sunhat or cap. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen, please apply this before the start of the day.

Thank you for attending our weekly Reading Mornings. It is so nice to be able to invite parents in to experience Nursery life. Remember to join us on Twitter and look out for weekly updates on your child's learning, activities, topics and experiences.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Riley 😊



Topic

This half term our topic is

'Growing'



This term in Nursery we are getting green fingered, planting seeds, watching plants grow and visiting our very own Foundation Stage allotment. We are looking forward to our annual sunflower growing competition and using our home grown produce in some delicious and tasty recipes. We are very excited in Nursery as this term we have some special visitors arriving in the coming weeks. Brian and Keith are our own Giant African Land snails! The children are already thrilled to have some new baby pets to take care of and are eager to watch them grow into full sized snails. We will also be welcoming tadpoles and looking closely as they change into frogs and enjoy life in the Forest Garden pond. 😊



Phonics 😊



You may have heard the children talking about POP! He is a friendly mouse who helps the children to learn letters of the alphabet and the **sounds** those letters make. We call this **PHONICS**. In Nursery we learn up to 4 **sounds** every week. There are many fun ways of learning sounds that you can do at home. Choose your sound and find objects around the home beginning with that sound. Look for books and online songs or rhymes beginning with your chosen 'sound of the week'. Go for a walk and be sound spotters. Remember to switch on your listening ears! What can you see beginning with your sound? What other sounds can you hear?

Visit www.phonicsplay.co.uk and practise Phases 1 and 2. Start with s,a,t,p,i,n and move on when children are confident.



Mark Making



In Nursery children develop their pre-writing skills. We call this MARK MAKING. What looks like scribble to the grown-up eye is actually your child's first stages of early writing. Get creative and encourage your child to make marks and pictures with paints, chalks, mud, water and crayons! Ask them to talk about their work and praise them for their efforts. Ask them to mark make a squiggly shopping list, card or badge for you and your family.



Remember to keep practising name writing every day with your child.



Dates for your diaries

Reading mornings:

Tuesdays 8:45-9am

Bank holiday: **1st May**

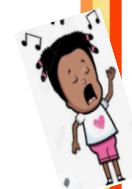
Bank holiday: **8th May**

Break up for half term: **26th May**

Back to school: **5th June**

FS Sports Day: **Date to follow**

Remember to follow us on Twitter @WelbeckPS



Topic Books

In Nursery we really enjoy reading story books which link to our topic. It helps younger children to learn in a fun and enjoyable way.

Here are some of the stories the children will be learning about this half term.

- **Jasper's Beanstalk**
- **Titch**
- **A seed in Need**
- **Oliver's fruit salad**
- **Lola plants a garden**
- **Sam plants a sunflower**



Remember you can also explore songs and rhymes online and have a singalong with your child whenever you can!