

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 and Fine Motor Mornings. It is so nice to invite you in to experience Nursery life. Remember to join us on BlueSky 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. We will be welcoming tadpoles and looking closely as they change into frogs and enjoy life in the Forest Garden pond. 😊

We have already been enjoying exploring the outside areas getting lots of lovely fresh air looking for and naming beautiful flowers, plants and fruit trees and noticing their colours and scents.



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 a new **sound** 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?

Please follow us on BlueSky [WelbeckPS.bsky.social](https://www.bsky.social/WelbeckPS)



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

Mondays: Return library book bags

Tuesdays: Mark Making Morning 8:40-9am

Wednesdays: Welly Wednesday- Please your child in wellies

PE is every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:

Please send your child in trainers

Bank holiday: **5th May**

Break up for half term: **23rd May**

Back to school: **2nd June**

INSET day: **27th June**



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.

- **Week 1 and 2:** [Jasper's Beanstalk](#)
- **Week 3 and 4:** [Lola Plants a Garden](#)
- **Week 5 and 6:** [Sam Plants a Sunflower](#)

Remember you can also explore songs and rhymes online and have a singalong with your child whenever you can. Ask your child about their learning at nursery and enjoy listening to their answers. They may surprise you!