

# Foundation Stage 1

## Newsletter

### Spring 1 Term 2022

While we still cannot have parents in school at this time, please remember to check our school website page every week to see what your children have been doing and learning while in Nursery. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress later this half term, however, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you wish to discuss before then.

#### Communication and Language

As we begin to learn about what a question is and how we can ask and answer questions, we will be encouraging the children to speak in full sentences and it would be fantastic if you could support them with this at home too. We are encouraging the children to speak confidently about what they know and what they can do.

#### Physical Development

We will begin to introduce 'pen disco' sessions during this half term. We will play music and move our pen in different directions in time to the music. This is to help the children strengthen their hand muscles, increase their fine motor control and make 'writing' fun!

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be welcoming new children to Nursery this half term and this is a good opportunity for our current children to make them feel welcome and make new friends.

#### Spring Home Learning Ideas

Play simple board games with your child - through this kind of activity they will learn to take turns and begin to understand the concept of winning / losing.

Talk to your child about what they can see, hear, feel, and smell in the outdoors as the season has changed and the weather has become icy.

#### Expressive Arts & Design

The children have enjoyed making a range of crafts using different skills and tools, such as woodwork.

We will continue to do this throughout the Spring term either baking or making something each week, usually on Wednesdays. Please remember your 50p weekly donation to enable us to do this.

#### Maths

This half term we will be practising counting, recognising, writing and representing numbers and quantities. We will also begin to practice comparing quantities and also look at one more and one less. We will look at size, shape and the language we can use to describe size. All our learning in maths is individualised and based upon your child's interests and what level of understanding they have.

#### Literacy

If your child has a favourite story at home that they love to read over and over we would also really enjoy sharing their story with them in school. We will be having a cosy day where the children can come to school in their pyjamas and bring a book to share with their friends, we will send a text out with details of the date for this.

#### Understanding of the World

We will be learning about Winter as the children begin to experience the colder weather outside. We would like the children to have lots of practical opportunities to investigate and explore the natural world. Please ensure they have warm coats etc for outdoor exploring. When our new children have settled in their new routine, we will begin to do Forest School sessions.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to email the school office, or post a note in the red post box outside the main school reception.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Foundation Stage 1 Team.

