



Spring 2024 2nd Half Term – Nursery

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed a happy half term break. We had so much fun last term, learning about lots of different types of animals and their habitats. We listened to some of our favourite stories and songs including 'Elmer the Elephant' and 'Walking through the Jungle'. We made our own binoculars too to use on our jungle adventure.

This term, we are beginning our **People Who Help Us** topic. We will be learning about the **Police** and their work in keeping us safe. Then we will look at **Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics, Dentists, Postal Workers**, and finally **School Staff**, who help us in our school. If any parents have any expertise in these jobs, we would love to hear from you!

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, we will be providing children opportunities to develop their self-confidence to initiate activities with their peers and communicate in front of others. We will also encourage children to talk about the things they are good at.

Communication & Language

We will be reading a variety of nonfiction and fiction books about People Who Help Us, with the emphasis on recalling and listening intently. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary surrounding our new topic and will be adding key words to our weekly Word Wall. We will also be encouraging children's curiosity and thinking skills, supporting them to ask questions and explain their answers.

Physical Development

To develop the children's gross motor skills we will be using various climbing apparatus, throwing and catching hoops and balls and playing team games such as hide and seek. For fine motor skills we will be continuing their use of mark-making tools and manipulating playdough in various shapes.

Literacy

We will continue introducing a new sound each week using Letter land. We will be asking the children to hear initial sounds in a variety of activities and games. We will continue to practise letter formation using mark making tools, the whiteboard and role play.

Maths

We will be expanding our number skills and really focussing on counting, recognising & matching numerals & quantities within 5. We want to look at the language and concept of quantity using words like "more, less, the same".

Understanding the World

We will be learning about a variety of jobs in our community. We will look especially at keeping safe, at home and outside, understanding the dangers of roads and fire. We will look at how doctors and dentists help to keep our bodies and teeth healthy and make us well when we get ill. We will go on visits around our school to see all the different jobs school staff do.

Expressive Arts

We will be playing imaginatively, using a variety of dressing up costumes and props. We will continue to explore and create with paint, collage, mark making tools, dough and small world toys.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ All children must have a spare set of clothes in school. If these are sent home, please replace them the following day.
- ★ A reminder for children who stay for lunch that our policy is strictly 'no chocolate and no nuts' in packed lunches.
- ★ Please remember to sign up for Pupil Progress Meetings. The face to face meetings are Monday 4th March and the online meetings are Tuesday 5th March.

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Fraser ☺