



Nursery Geese Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!

The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy (writing/reading)
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

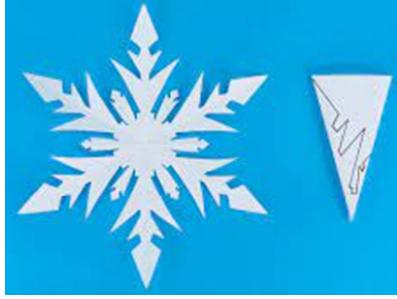
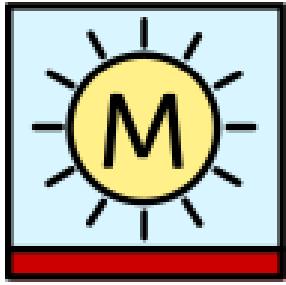
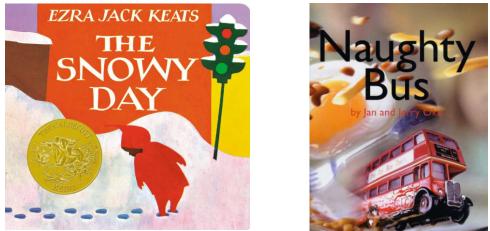
Key dates for your diary:

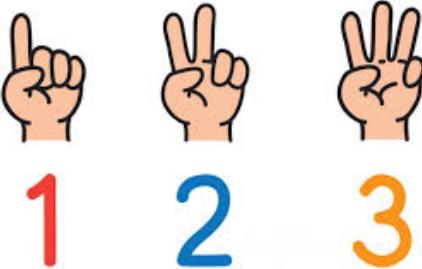
- Friday 9th January- Geese and Ducks Family Friday
- Friday 23rd January- Geese and Ducks Family Friday
- Friday 6th February- Geese and Ducks Family Friday
- Friday 13th February end of Spring 1
- Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open
- Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

This half term our learning will be centred around '**Winter**', '**My Community**' and '**Transport**'.

In the first three weeks we will be exploring winter and discussing the changes in the weather, experimenting with ice using key vocabulary such as melting and freezing. In the following three weeks we will be focusing on my community with an emphasis on where we live and who in our community can help us.

As part of our **RE** topic we will be learning about celebrations and how different festivals are celebrated - we will focus on Lunar New Year, Persian new year and the festival of Holi.

Family Friday	PE
<p>We would like to invite you into our class to do activities with your child from 8:45-9:30am every other Friday.</p> <p>Our Family Friday dates for Geese are:</p> <p>Friday 9th January- Winter</p> <p>Friday 23rd January- Create own snowman</p> <p>Friday 6th February- Naughty Bus themed activities (core text)</p> 	<p>Class PE Day: Monday</p> <p>Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays</p> 
Reading	Writing
<p>Our core texts for this term are:</p> <p>The Snowy day Naughty Bus</p>  <p>The key vocabulary that we are going to be learning are: winter, season, snow, snowball, mountain, adventure, melt, ice, cold, gloves, snowman. When reading the Naughty Bus, we will explore different occupations, and use new vocabulary in our talk and play. We will explore words such as present, driver, traffic, bus stop, job, passengers, road, rescue and transport.</p> <p>Book packs</p> <p>We will be giving out reading book packs to children and family to read at home. This includes activities relevant to the story that supports children's writing and communication skills. Each book pack will be given out every Friday and should be returned on the following Tuesday.</p>	<p>We will have mark making opportunities in different areas of the provision. We will explore using different tools to make marks and begin to give meaning to them.</p> <p>Our mark making opportunities will focus on making more discernible, purposeful marks such as writing letters for our names, and drawing familiar people and places. We will do this using a variety of tools i.e. pens, crayons, pencils and chalk.</p> <p>Pencil Control</p> 

Maths	Forest School
<p>In Nursery, maths is taught through play, exploration and sensory experiences.</p> <p>This half term, children will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count amounts and count in rote order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (One to one correspondence) Compare quantities using words such as 'the same', 'more' and 'less'. Make comparisons between objects relating to size. Show an interest in shapes in the environment. Talk about and explore 2D/3D shapes <div data-bbox="198 797 620 1066">  </div>	<p>Forest School is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors. Children will need to come to school in suitable clothing as we learn the skills needed to be safe and successful at Forest School.</p> <p>Forest School will take place from: Wednesday 14th January (weather permitting)</p> <p>Children will need wellington boots and puddle suits, our sessions will be on every Wednesday morning.</p> <p>If you can volunteer to support us please speak to a member of the Nursery team.</p> <div data-bbox="855 797 1423 1167">  </div>
<p>Junk modelling and loose parts</p>	<p>Useful information</p>
<p>We use a lot of natural resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modeling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells.</p> <div data-bbox="262 1650 628 1897">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water bottles: Children do not need to bring a water bottle to school as we provide individual bottles in class. Label uniforms and spare clothes: Please provide a spare change of clothes for your child and label the uniforms. Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast clubs 8.00-8.45 After school clubs 3.45-5.00 Playcentre 5.00-6.00
<p>Please come and speak with us if you have any questions or concerns and we look forward to working with you all.</p>	
<p>Visit our website for dates, news and other information</p>	