

Nursery Class Newsletter

January 2022

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break with family and friends. The children have returned after the break full of energy and excited to play. We would also like to welcome the new families that are joining the Nursery.

Each short term, a Nursery newsletter is sent to parents. This will inform parents of what the children have been learning in Nursery, what they will be learning next and any messages. Please also remember to check the school newsletter for future events and messages.

We would also like to introduce our new member of the team, Mrs Klenczon. She will be working in the Nursery on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Term 2

Last term, the children enjoyed celebrating Diwali and Christmas. We had lots of fun being creative making diya lamps, Christmas cards and decorations.



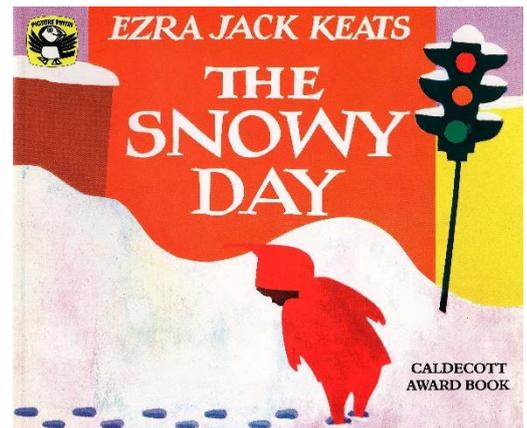
The children were also amazing in their Christmas Nativity performance.



Term 3

This term, the children have started to learn about winter. We have shared the story *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.

The children have really enjoyed playing with ice and using words such as cold, frozen, freezing, frost, shattering and melting.



Later in the term, we will also think about Transport, specifically trains, as the children are interested in this topic.

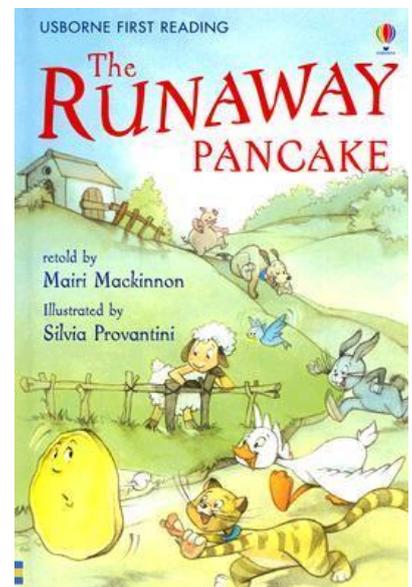
We will also celebrate the following days in Nursery: National Squirrel Appreciation Day on the 21st January and National Hedgehog Day on the 2nd February.

Our traditional tale for this term will be *The Runaway Pancake*, which is based on the story of *The Gingerbread Man*.

Rhyme Times

Children will take part in a Rhyme Time a few times a week. This term, the children will be learning the following nursery rhymes.

- Aiken Drum
- It is Snowing
- Can you touch your nose?
- A hedgehog is very prickly.
- Snowflake, Snowflake
- Let's all sing a song together



Communication and Language

This term, the 2 year olds (N1) children will take part in Toddler Talk activities. These activities help to develop the following skills:

- Understanding what is said.
- Talking socially- eye contact.
- Listening to sounds.
- Listening to words.
- Listening and using new words.
- Building sentences.

Phonics

The N2 children will take part in daily Phonics activities at Nursery. We follow Letters and Sounds Phase 1. This term, we are working on Aspect 3: General sound discrimination -body percussion. The main purpose of this is to develop awareness of sounds and rhythms, to distinguish between sounds and to remember patterns of sounds.

To support at home you can do the following activities:

- Walking home from nursery make up different walking actions e.g. tip...toe, tip.. toe ever so slowly... tip-toe tip-toe faster. Also, try giant strides, jumping, stamping.
- Follow the sound- in a small group or during dinner time try and pass a sound around the group. The sillier the better.
- The Pied Piper- Sing the song 'Following the leader, the leader, the leader, following the leader wherever he/she may go.' This song could be sung up the stairs to bed (extending the route all around the house).

Maths

During this term in Maths, the N2 children will be learning to compare different amounts of number up to 5. For example when having tea you could point out to your child, "look I have 3 sausages and you have 1". You could also play alongside your child and count how many toys you have each. We will also be working on making simple patterns such as blue car, red car, blue car. You could use milk bottle tops to make patterns at home. Here is a game, which you could play at home:



Topmarks Website link- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>

General Reminders

Early pickup or late drop off- The Early Years garden gate is open between 9:00am till 9:10am and 12:00pm till 12:10pm. When the gate is closed, please go to the school office, where the Nursery team will collect your child or drop them off to you.

Wow Slips, Word Tree Tags and Story Books- During drop off and collection there will be two boxes outside with story books you can take home to share, wow slips to share your child's accomplishments with staff and the Word Tree tags where you can write your child's new words they are saying. Please share these with the Nursery team so that we can celebrate your child's achievements.

Children's Names- Please make sure bags, water bottles, lunchboxes, coats and wellies have your child's names on them. Many children have the same items as each other. It would help the Nursery team when matching items to the owner.

Change of Sessions- If you wish to change or add sessions, you will need to notify the school office by email.

Donations- If you are ever having a clear out of toys, furniture or even junk, please speak to a member of the Nursery team. We would love some of the following items:

- Dressing up - old hats, shoes, and scarfs.
- Old kettle, toaster and microwave - these will be used in the mud kitchen.
- Plant pots - we really want to create a lovely nature garden for the children. If you have anything for the garden, we would appreciate it greatly.
- Puzzles and games for ages 2 to 5 years.
- Small world toys - animals, dolls, Barbies, Action Men, Peppa Pig and different character toys.

Please remember, if you have any queries about your child please speak to a member of staff, email or call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Robbins, Miss Foster, Miss Widdowson, Mrs Carter and Mrs Klenczon.