

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter –Spring 2

How you can help us support your child

We hope you all have a lovely break! We hope you have an enjoyable and restful time and will be looking forward to returning for an exciting half term full of great learning opportunities. This half term we will be exploring books from the author Julia Donaldson, the children will be encouraged to re-tell key parts of the story, listen out for words that have the same sound and we will be exploring the vocabulary used within the story. Our 'big question' for this half term is "how can we share our planet?". We will use this to guide our learning by looking for signs of spring, gardening, and exploring our environment. We will read lots of books about spring, friendship, jobs people do, and many more.

We are in the process of checking that the children have all the items of uniform that they need. Please ensure that your child has the following items by the end of the week.

- Labelled Wellies
- A labelled school water bottle
- A book bag
- Spare clothes in a separate bag (to be kept in school)

The children must wear plain black school shoes with velcro (NO LACES)

A polite reminder that earrings must not be worn at school.

Here are some ideas for you to help your child at home, which will give them an extra boost with their learning!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - How you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to look after their toys, tidying them away when they have finished.
- Encourage them to talk about friendships they have made at nursery and discuss how to be a good friend.
- Send in photos on EExAT of what your child has been doing over the weekend so they have an opportunity to share this with peers.

Physical Development - How you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to make marks in different ways such as chalking outside
- Let your child tell you when they are tired, hungry and need the toilet.
- Let your child be independent in going to the toilet, but be there for your child if help is needed.

Mathematics - How you can help at home. Have a go at the following activities:

- Hunt for different shaped items around the house. Encourage your children to count how many square items you have found etc.
- Make pancakes with you child on pancake day... encourage your child to measure the ingredients.
- Let your child find out where the missing pieces in a puzzle go.

Understanding of the World - How you can help at home:

- Talk about the different seasons and what changes they will see. Encourage them to ask questions.
- Let your child explore mud, rain, snow and ask questions about what they see.
- Cook with your child- encourage your child to find the recipe in a variety of ways such as cook books, the internet etc.

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Expressive Arts and Design - How you can help at home:

- Listen to different types of music and talk about which ones they prefer. Choose their own song to play or make up their own in the car.
- Let your child use paint to mix up their own colours.
- Use your child's toys to make up stories.
- Sing songs together and make up dances!

Communication and Language How you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to find rhyming words within a story. Stories such as 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray are great for rhyming.
- Ask the children to talk to you about things they have done in nursery yesterday.
- Play listening games such as "Simon says".
- Read stories at bedtime, encourage them to listen and join in with their favourite bits.

We always have an open-door policy and are around to chat but we understand it is a little busy sometimes.

How to keep yourself updated

Google Classroom:

Each week we will post activities on Google Classroom. Please bring in any work or post on Arc so we can celebrate these with the class.

Twitter:

We post regularly on our twitter accounts so look out for the fun things that we've been getting up to. Twitter: @nurseryLTPA

Arc Parent App:

Each week we have a different focus group (VIPs) that we focus on for class observations. We would love for you to share their achievements and activities outside of school via ARC to give a rounded picture of their progress and interests.

Books we will be exploring this half term!



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