

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome back to a new term at Hazel Leys. I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas break and a relaxing start to the New Year. Thank you to everyone for your support last term. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Play and were as proud of your children as we were.

I would also like to welcome our new children starting in January we are very excited to meet you all in the new year.

Miss Moorhouse

Autumn 3 Focus

This terms learning will be focused around “Once Upon a Time” The children will be learning about different traditional tales, looking at similarities and differences between the stories and characters. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year as we continue to explore different celebrations from around the world.



Phonics

During this term in our phonics, we will be looking at a new sound each week. The sounds we will be looking at are c, k, ck, e, r, h. The children have excellent phonics knowledge, and we will continue this in the new year.

The new children who will be joining us in January we will start at the very beginning of the programme and the sounds they will be learning are S,a,t, p,i,n.



Literacy - Writing

During this term we will be focusing on Pencil grip.



Encouraging the children to pinch the pencil and to do this we will be doing our “get squiggling sessions” to support the children with their writing. We will also be focusing on mark making.

Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years and we will upload stories to Tapestry for you to share at home.



Every Friday, your child will choose a ‘Reading for Pleasure’ book to take home. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. By reading a wide range of books, your child will be emersed in storytelling and will expand their vocabulary. If you could please bring the children folders back on Thursday so the books can be changed and they will be given out on Friday.

Maths

We LOVE to count in Early Years, we count everything and sing lots of number rhymes to help us with our number recognition. We will have a number focus each week to help the children to a deeper understanding of the number recognition.



Communication and Language

To support your child with their language this term, we are continuing to send a new nursery rhyme/poem at the end of the week.

We will be singing our nursery rhyme in school every day to help the children develop their language.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will continue to develop our understanding of our emotions as well as providing the children with plenty of opportunities to work collaboratively



Physical Development

In Nursery, we will be practising ways to move, encouraging fine motor activities, such as using scissors, pencils and cutlery, encouraging good posture when sitting at the table or on the floor and practicing ball skills. We also have dough disco sessions to strengthen hand grip and pencil control.



Our **PE lessons** will be on **Tuesday**.

Children are to come to nursery in clothes that allow them to move easily so they can take part in our PE sessions. E.G leggings/tracksuit and t-shirt. In PE we will be working on turn taking games which will also help with sharing in the classroom.

Understanding the world

This term, we will be exploring seasonal changes as the weather gets colder so the children can observe how winter changes the world around them. We will also be exploring Chinese New Year to compare how people celebrate around the world.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making lots of art work that links to our traditional tales, including masks, puppets and building using different materials. The children will also be making Chinese crafts as part of our Chinese New Year learning.



This term we will have a range of role play opportunities for the children to retell the traditional tales we share in class.

Helping your child learn at home

- Share the 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child.
- Encourage your child to put on their coats independently.
- Practice counting object at home.
- Practice Pencil grip at home



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Moorhouse

Teaching Assistants: Miss Witton and Mrs Clough

As the weather is getting wetter and colder, please could all children bring in a pair of **named** wellington boots that can be kept at school. We will be providing all in one suit but please could you also send your child in a coat that you do not mind getting muddy.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.

Please could we ask that your child **does not** bring any toys into school, including keeping them in their bags. We have lots of different resources in school that your child can play with during the day, so they do not need to risk breaking or losing their toys from home.

Thank you for your support with this.



Dates for the diary



- Tuesday 3rd January- Training Day
- Wednesday 4th January – **School reopens to pupils**
- Sunday 22nd January – Chinese New Year
- Tuesday 24th January – Parent champion workshop
- Wednesday 25th January – Dance workshop
- Friday 27th January - International Lego Day



- Friday 11th February – school closes for Half Term