

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Thank you to everyone for your support last term and for those who attended our book Workshop. We hope you have been enjoying reading the books at home with your children. We have also thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families into school for our “Family Fridays” to share your child’s learning stories. Please make sure you sign up for our Family Friday session so your child can share their learning with you and to have look at the progress all your children have been making. We have also enjoyed welcoming our new children.

Miss Moorhouse

Spring 2 Focus

This terms learning will be centred around “Castles and Dragons” The children will be exploring fictional and non-fictional books to help them learn about the different parts of a castle and engage with exciting adventure stories. We will also be looking at King Charles in preparation for the Coronation later this year.



Phonics

At Hazel Leys, we use the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. In Nursery, your child will take part in daily phonics sessions which will encourage them to listen to sounds in words, such as the sound that their name starts with. This term we will focus on the sounds u, r, h,b,f,l.

Phonics

Our new children that joined us in January will still be looking at, S, a,t,p,i,n and playing listening attention games.

Literacy - Writing

During this term we will be doing our get squiggling session to help the children with their pencil grip.



We will also be looking at mark making in relation to stories we are learning about in class such as Zog and look inside the castles this will also encourage the children to retell the story.

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.

We have now added reading groups every Friday this is when the children can pick a book in key worker groups and have a discussion on the book to help children with their listening but to also develop their vocabulary.

Maths

We LOVE to count in Early Years, we count everything and sing lots of number rhymes to help us remember the order of numbers when rote counting. This term we will be focusing on accurate number recognition and looking at number lines and ordering numbers from 0-10.



Children who joined is in January will be looking at numbers 0-5 and counting objects.

Communication and Language

This term we will continue to retell stories in a variety of ways, ensuring that the children take on different roles. Children will be taught subject specific vocabulary so that they can use it accurately when talking about castles.



We will also continue sending a nursery rhyme home every Friday for you to practice with your child at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we are building upon our previous work using the Colour Monster to encourage children to talk about their emotions and share regulation strategies.



We will also be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy, including talking about food, exercise and hygiene.

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.

Understanding the World

This term we will be learning about Spring and doing observational drawings of plants as they grow and change. The children will also be planting fruit/veg in our gardening area which will link to our personal, social and emotional learning.



We will be taking part in Easter celebrations and learn about why it is important to people all over the world.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making lots of artwork that link to our Castles and Dragon stories, including making castles, crowns and dragon eggs. The children will also be making Mother's Day and Easter crafts throughout the term.



The children will have a range of role play opportunities so they can experience being royalty and living in a castle

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 objects 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 Miss Coupland

Please could all children **arrive at Nursery by 8.55am** as learning starts promptly at this time. The Children who are late miss out on the start of our daily learning and disturb the children who have arrived on time.

Please remember to bring spare clothes in for your child as we like to do messy play indoors and outdoors, we can leave this bag at nursery and take home when you need to change the clothes.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you **do not** 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.

Please continue to bring your child's reading folder In on a Thursday, we will change them on Thursday and hand them back out on Friday when your child's go home.

Thank you for your support with this.



Dates for the diary!

February

Monday 20th February – school reopens to pupils

March



Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – **Choose your own theme. Dressing up as your favourite book character!**

Wednesday 15th March- Parents Evening; 3.30-6pm

Thursday 16th March- Parents Evening; 3.30-5pm

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Saturday 18th March - Global Recycling Day

Tuesday 21st March – World Poetry Day

Friday 24th March – Class photographs

Friday 31st March – school closes for Easter