

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Nursery and a big happy new year. I would like to thank all the parents for all their contribution last term. We had a very exciting term with all the Christmas activities. Moving forward we will be using evidence me to share pictures of your children's learning. Please feel free to put your child's home achievements on evidence me as well so we can share in class. I would also like to welcome all the new children joining us we are very excited to meet you all.
Thankyou once again, Miss Moorhouse.

Spring 1 focus

Our focus this term is dinosaurs. In this unit children will learn about two specific dinosaurs: the very familiar Tyrannosaurus Rex and the Stegosaurus. These two dinosaurs are very different and are a great choice to allow the children to compare the two. They will be able to discuss how they walked, what they looked like, and what they ate.

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 M,D,G,O,C and playing listening attention games.

Phonics

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 our new handwriting scheme for the children to work on their pencil grip. We will also be looking at mark making in relation to stories we are learning about in class.



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. **Please return the book on a Thursday and we will send home a new book on a Friday.**

We have started reading groups on Fridays. This is when the children can pick a book in key worker groups and discuss the book. This helps children with their listening and helps 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. We will have a new number to focus on each week.



Communication and Language

This term we will be focusing on many ways to help the children to develop their vocabulary. We begin with Phonics to help the children with their communication. We will also sing daily nursery rhymes and we will send a nursery rhyme home each week for you to practice at home with your child. We will also be reading a mixtures of topic books and reading for pleasure books within the nursery.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically. We will also be introducing a star of the week just in nursery class for your child to share at home with you.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be looking at how to be a friend, why we come to nursery, being kind and sharing, telling an adult when there is a problem and explaining my feelings to others. We will also be looking at school rules and how to form friendships within my class.



Physical Development

In nursery, we will be practising ways to move, encouraging fine motor activities. We will do this by 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 every morning to strengthen our fine motor skills.



Our **PE lessons** will be on Tuesdays, this will be an opportunity for the children to go down to the track. 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 looking at different transports from different years and where they have come from. The children will look at the evolution of transport.



Expressive Arts and Design

Will be looking at painting different types of dinosaurs and printing with dinosaur toys using their feet to make a pattern.



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.

Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Moorhouse

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Clough 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. Our doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am

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 that 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 bring your child's reading folder In on a Thursday so we can change their book and hand them back out on Friday when your child goes home.

If your child has a purple jumper, we do encourage them to wear this in nursery as we do a lot of messy play.

Thank you again.

Dates for the diary!



Thursday 4th January – school open to pupils



Sunday 10th February -Chinese New Year

Tuesday 13th February – Shrove Tuesday (pancake day)

Wednesday 14th February – Valentines day