

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Nursery, I hope you have a well rested break. I would like to thank our parents for their contribution last term and for participating in our maths workshop. We have been using Evidence me throughout the last term, please feel free to use it at home and share your children's accomplishments as we like to share them in class for all their friends to see. Thankyou once again and here's to another great term, Miss Moorehouse.

Spring 1 focus

Our focus this term is Growing and changing. In this unit children will learn that we have seasons on earth. The children will reconnect to this knowledge later in Reception and in Year 1. They will learn that in springtime some plants grow flowers. Children will look at leaves, noticing their shape, colour, and patterns. They will have the opportunity over time to build their vocabulary including names of plants and trees. Within this unit there are many opportunities to take children outside and look at the natural world around them. Children can look for patterns in the natural world through observing, measuring, comparing, sorting, contrasting, and explaining.

Phonics

At Hazel Leys, we use the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. In Nursery, **Phonics** 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.

Literacy – Writing

During this term we will be doing our pencil grip activities. Looking at pinch fingers and how we hold a pencil. We will also be looking at mark making activities with different resources and materials.



Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years and we will upload stories to Evidence me 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 bring the reading book back on a Thursday so we can change it to a new book to bring home on a Friday.**

We have started reading groups every Friday, 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 will be looking at repeated patterns and asking the children to make their own patterns.



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 nursery rhymes daily 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 mixture of topic books and reading for pleasure books within the nursery.



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, explaining my feelings to others. We will also be looking at school rules and how to form friendships within my class. We are really working on expressing our feelings and knowing the



difference from right and wrong.

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 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, for example leggings/tracksuit and a t-shirt.

Understanding the World

This topic is focusing on the outside. We will be answering questions such as ‘Are all leaves the same shape?’, ‘Do all plants need water to grow?’ and ‘Do all babies look like their parents?’. These ways of working scientifically help children to think not only about the type of questions we can ask about the world, but how we go about finding answers.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be planting and decorating leaves. We will be making wind chimes to hang out in our outdoor area. We will be using different materials to paint with such as fruit and sponges and collecting leaves to do leaf rubbing and leave a mark.



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.
- **Listening sounds in their name**



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.



We will also be introducing a star of the week just in nursery class for your child to share at home with you.

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 them 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!



Back to school – Monday 26th February



St Davids day – Friday 1st March

Mother's Day – Sunday 10th March

St Patrick's Day- Sunday 17th March

Easter Craft session – Thursday 21st March



School closed for easter holidays – Thursday 28th March