

'Together We Can, With Christ By Our Side'



Spring 2 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a good start to the New year with children settling back quickly and helping to look after the new children that have joined.

The cold weather has not stopped us going out so please remember hats, scarfs, gloves etc and please, please, please label everything with your child's name.



During the morning the children are given a snack of fruit and milk or water. The lunch time routine is going well and the children are being ably assisted by the lunchtime supervisors. If you have any concerns, please let me know and I will do my best to resolve them. Please make sure lunches are healthy and we are a nut free zone school.

This term our nursery class will be having a **PE session on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

On **Wednesday** and **Friday**, the children should all wear **trainers**. However physical development happens every day in the nursery and children spend a lot of time outside therefore it is probably best if they wear trainers most of the time especially with the cold and wet weather arriving. Please make sure that all their clothing and in particular their **coat is labelled at the top with their name.**



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TIMETABLE

School Day 9.00-3.00pm full time

9.00-12.00pm part time

12.00-3.00pm part time

P.E. Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please ensure your child's clothing and bag is labelled clearly with their full name.

Home Reading Books.

To be given out on a Tuesday and returned on a Tuesday.

Outdoor learning is an important part of our early years curriculum and we kindly ask that you provide your child with a pair of **labelled wellington boots** to support this. If possible, we ask that these remain in school to ensure we are able to learn outside in all weathers. Visits to the Forest School will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our main topics for this half term will be '**Growth and Change**' as well as our story and rhyme focus which will be '**Old Macdonald had a farm**' and '**Incy Wincy Spider**'.

To help us with our topics, could you please talk to the children about how we grow and change, what happens when we are babies and what we can do now, discuss life cycles of a butterfly and a chick. How do we look after animals and plants, what they need to grow and stay alive.

We are going to receive eggs in an incubator which will hatch into chicks. We will have the chicks for 2-3 weeks and it is a very exciting opportunity for the children to see growth and change. We will think about being responsible and how we care for the chicks, what they need and how we can make sure they are safe, happy and healthy.

Some ideas to support your child with your child with our topics.

- Sing lots of nursery rhymes and particularly Old Macdonald, Incy Wincy Spider, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Row, Row, Row Your Boat, The Wheels On The Bus and The Hokey Cokey.

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- Look at the numbers on the front of the buses, doors and all around.
- Count the trees, people at the bus stop etc.
- Matching Numeral to amount.
- Counting in order - what comes next.
- Sorting and Comparing groups of numbers- compares 2 groups of numbers saying when they have the same.
- Sorting and comparing by size- Length, height and weight.
- Share lots of stories.
- Give them lots of opportunities for mark making and drawing.
- Encourage them to tidy away their toys etc. as this is good practice for nursery tidy up time.
- Encourage children to put their own coats and shoes on, this will help develop their independence.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Swain

