



Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome to Nursery!

Important information

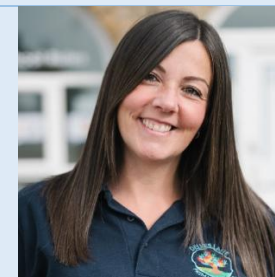


My name is Mrs Pearce, and I will be teaching in Nursery this year.

I have PPA on a Tuesday morning and Mrs Allister-Webb teaches the class during this time.

I have leadership time on a Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Moody teaches during this time.

My name is Mrs Gordon, and I will be supporting in Nursery this year.



My name is Miss Metcalf, and I will be supporting in Nursery this year.



PE

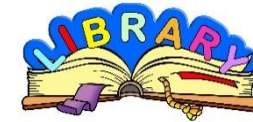
This term, Our PE day will be a Friday. Please ensure that your child arrives at school dressed ready for PE:
This includes:

- Blue sweatshirt (the one your child wears everyday to Nursery)
- Blue polo shirt (the one your child wears everyday to Nursery)
- Blue or black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts
- Velcro trainers (no laces unless the children can tie them independently)
- Socks

Reading

Nursery Lending Library

The children choose their own library book to bring home and share with you. We have provided each child with a canvas reading bag to take their book home in and bring it back to school. Please could books and bags be returned every **MONDAY** and **FRIDAY**. This means the children have a new book to read during the week and another new book to read at home on a weekend.



Independence

Developing Independence

We will be focusing on the following tasks with the children to make them independent.
Please practise these with your child at home too:

- Putting their coats on and off

Please always allow your child to put their own coat on and take their own coat off. This may take a little bit longer getting ready initially, but once they can do this for themselves, they will be super quick and it will mean they can get themselves ready for Nursery at home. Zips can be a bit tricky, so I always start the zip off but let the children pull their zip up the coat themselves.

- Putting their own shoes on

We will be teaching the children how to take their shoes off and how to put them on again by themselves. Please do not send your child to school in shoes/trainers with laces as they are unable to tie them yet, velcro is perfect.

- Dressing themselves independently

Each child needs to bring a complete change of clothes into Nursery which will be left on the children's pegs (please do not send any additional bags in as the children's coat pegs are very small and are very close to other children's pegs). If a child does get wet or muddy outdoors, we encourage them to put their own clothes on (under our supervision)

Stay and Play

We would love to welcome you to our Stay and Play sessions on the following days and times:

- Friday 7th February 8.45am – 10.00am
- Friday 7th February 12.20pm – 1.30pm
- Friday 4th April 8.45am – 10.00am
- Friday 4th April 12.20pm – 1.30pm

There will be lots of activities set up for you to play with your child. The children also love this opportunity to take you around their Nursery and show you what they like to play with. We always make cakes for you to buy, and the money goes directly back into Nursery to buy resources for the children.

Please could we ask that you do not use your mobile phones during this session. Staff will be taking lots of photographs to share on Facebook, but if there is a particular photo you would like to take of your child just ask a member of staff and we will happily take it for you.

Toileting

- **Using the toilet independently**

Lots of children have come back from the school holidays toilet trained which is amazing. Please keep encouraging your child to clean themselves and wipe themselves independently after they have used the toilet.

- **Toilet Training**

If your child is not yet fully toilet trained, school will work with you and support you with your training. Please put your child in a pull up nappy (rather than a normal nappy) so we can encourage them to go to the toilet, pull their nappy down and sit on the toilet. When a child is being toilet trained, please send in plenty of pants, trousers and socks in case they have a few accidents during their session.

We do expect children who are 3 to come to Nursery toilet trained or very nearly toilet trained.

Please send a full pack of nappies, pants, wipes and bags into Nursery which will be left at Nursery. We will let you know when these need replacing.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This is a very important part of our teaching this term (and every term). We have lots of new children so we will be focusing on the following:

- Developing friendships and encouraging children to play alongside and with other children.
- Learning the names of the adults who work with us and the children in our class
- Knowing that we have similarities and differences between ourselves and others
- Naming feelings and emotions
- Learning our class rules and routines

We are also following the Jigsaw program in Nursery and the children are thinking about overcoming challenges and not giving up.

We also teach the 'My Happy Mind' unit this term which focuses upon being thankful.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on the following

- Learning some 2D shape names: circles, triangles, squares and rectangles
- Recapping on numbers 1, 2, 3 and learning numbers 4 and 5
- We will be learning to count objects up to 5, by pointing to each object and counting slowly and accurately.



Physical Development



Gross Motor
We will learn how to kick, throw and catch balls. Run, walk, jump and climb independently. The children will be using a scooter and a balance bike. The children will also be playing lots of games using our giant parachute.

Fine Motor Control
The children will begin to develop control through activities such as play dough, tweezers, threading, cutting with scissors. The children will also be starting to do dough disco in a little group. Some of our older children will begin to start writing their name and forming these letters correctly.

Communication and Language



Listening and Attention

Each day the children will listen to simple stories and understand what is happening, with the help of pictures. Lola the Leopard has joined our Nursery class, and she has come to help the children become really good listeners. Lola has taught the children to always look at the person speaking, try to be still when listening to someone talking and try to be quiet and not talk if someone else is talking. We have played lots of games with Lola to develop our listening skills

Speaking

The children will begin to make new friendships so we will support the children to have conversations with others.

Welly Wednesday

Each Wednesday the children will spend the session outdoors exploring the school grounds and doing lots of exciting activities. Please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies which can be left at school. Children will also need wellies in our outdoor area. Unfortunately, children cannot wear wellies indoors, so please do not send your child to Nursery wearing just wellies with no shoes to change into. They will also need waterproof trousers to wear over the top of their school uniform as we will probably get very wet and muddy!

People Who Help Us

The children will be learning about real life superheroes such as firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses and dentists.

Festivals

We will be learning about Chinese New Year. The children will make lanterns, count out money to put in the lucky red envelopes and even eating noodles with chopsticks.

Towards the end of the term we will also be learning about Easter.



Singing

The children will be learning new poems such as Chop Chop Choppity Chop and A Wise Old Owl. We will also be singing lots of nursery rhymes

Painting

Exploring a range of mark making tools to make marks on different surfaces using paint.

Drawing

Explore and make marks using a range of writing tools e.g. pencils, crayons, felt tip pens, chalk.

Imaginative Play

Play imaginatively in the home corner. We also have a fire station small world area for the children to play in. They can play with the fire engines, the fire fighters and even dress up as a fire fighter in our costumes. The children will also be encouraged to build in our construction area using big wooden blocks.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- We appreciate any **junk/recycled items** you can give us. We need lots of things including: bottle tops, small boxes, egg boxes, yogurt cartons, cereal boxes as well as buttons, wine corks, ribbon etc. We love making exciting models such as rockets and castles!
- We would really appreciate any donations of **spare clothes**. Although every child has a bag of spare clothes on their peg, we do run out of spare clothes especially pants, socks and tights. We would be very grateful for any donations.

