

We will be planting seeds and 'chitting' potatoes, setting up a medical centre and reading traditional stories this half term.

It is time to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£3.00** for this **half term** to help us fund the copious amounts of flour and salt that we use and the extremely popular cooking sessions.

Remember **parent/carer reading 'drop in'** on a **Friday between 8.45-9.30am or 12.30-1.00pm**. This is an informal 'drop in' where you can choose a story and read to your child and maybe someone else's before they go off to join in with the 'free flow'. You can stay for a short period if you're in a rush or for a longer more relaxed time.

We have also been introducing 'Helicopter Stories' one day a week which involves the children telling oral stories which the adult writes down and a group of children help to act out later. As children develop their oral skills and imaginary play they need to be able to make up and retell stories. This will help prepare them to become confident writers in the future.

Please try to ensure that your children do not bring toys in to nursery as there are plenty here already. We understand that the two years old and recent starters may need a comforter, however this needs to be limited to one toy and we would like them to begin to start leaving them at home as they have settled so well. Could full time children please ensure they have a bag of spare clothes on their pegs as the weather warms up and they are enjoying water play.

**Nursery will be closed** on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March for parent/carer meetings to discuss your child's progress/settling in as necessary. Please see the grid on the nursery door for your time slot.

We would like to develop our outdoor area and are planning a gardening afternoon and morning at the beginning of April. We welcome any input and ideas from parents/carers and donations of containers, soil, seeds and plants.

### Dates For Your Diary

World Book Day:	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March (8.45-9.30am and/or 12.30-1.15pm)
Parent/Carer Meetings ( <u>Nursery Closed</u> ):	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Stay and Plant Day:	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Afternoon)
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (Morning)
<b>Early Years Garden Party:</b>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Seaside Trip:	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Parent/Carer Reading:	Every Friday (8.45-9.30am and/or 12.30-1.00pm)

*From The Nursery Team*