



# Nursery Weekly Newsletter

## Spring 2 Week 2 – 03.03.23

Welcome to March! Where is the year going?

We have had another lovely week in nursery. The children have been busy preparing food in the 'fire station' home corner as well as making yummy fruit crumble during our weekly cooking session. Making the crumble was a fantastic way of developing and strengthening their fine motor skills. This is really important as more children show an interest in mark making and using scissors and subsequently, this week we also introduced Playdough Disco! This is where each child has a ball of play dough and do different movements such as pinching the playdough, squeezing, rolling, pressing down hard. It's really fun and a great way to continue to build on their fine motor strength.

We are continuing with learning about different shapes and this week we introduced rectangles. The children are already starting to notice the differences between rectangles and squares and noticing where they are in the nursery.

Excitingly, there have been two new arrivals at nursery this week. Firstly, we welcomed our tank of **frog spawn**. The children have been fascinated and have enjoyed investigating using the magnifying glasses and talking about what they see. The children have also been surprised by how much they have grown in just a week! Over the next few weeks, we shall also start to look at the life cycle of a frog.

Our second new beginning has been the start of **Reading Buddies**. Every Monday afternoon, a group of our lovely Year 6 children visit nursery and read with the children and they have loved it! It has been wonderful to watch how small children naturally gravitate to their older buddies and the Year 6 were also fantastic role models. Once Year 6 SATs tests are completed, we will also extend this to a weekly morning session, so all the children have the opportunity to take part.

There was no music this week due to the NEU Strike Day, but Emily will be raring to go next Thursday.

You may have noticed that we regularly change the provision both inside and outside. This is an ongoing process. We are constantly reflecting on how the children are using the areas and change it accordingly, to support their learning and engagement with each other, especially as the children continue to mature.

## Things to note

### World Book Day

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Information has already been sent out in the [school wide parent newsletter](#). Nursery staff will of course be wearing pajamas on Friday, and we would love it if the children would join us. Alternatively, if the children would like to dress up as their favourite story character, that would be wonderful. Please do not feel any pressure to buy costumes.

We would like to invite the children to bring in their favourite story as well as a bedtime teddy/doll, as we will be holding different activities during the day as well as having a traditional tales and nursery rhyme for the whole week.

### Evidence Me

We have fixed the issue, if you are expecting to see photos of your child, please log in on the app.

### Photo Permission

You may have noticed that we like to use photos of the children's learning in our newsletters. We only use photos where parents/carers have given consent. If at any point you change your decision about this, please do let us know and the school office.

### Scooters and bikes

Just a little reminder that if you are picking up children in the main school, please ensure your child is not riding their scooter.

### Dates for Your Diary:

**International Week** - We are currently planning how to celebrate in international week. More news to follow.

**Spring Performance** - We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Spring Music Performance on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. As with the Christmas performance, the times will be as follows:

10.45am – 11.15am

2pm – 2.30pm

There is no need to book a ticket, so if you would like to attend, please arrive at nursery 5 minutes before the start time and wait in the nursery outside play area. We will then call you in when we are ready to begin. There will be some seating available (our tiny chairs and sofa), but please be aware, it is standing also.

The show will last about 15 minutes with hot cross buns and tea and coffee afterwards. You are very welcome to take your child home after the performance if you would like to. Parents of full-time children are able to attend either session.

**Please Wrap Up Warm**

It's March, it is cold - just 3 degrees! PLEASE wrap up, or curl up with a good book with your children, ready for World Book Day. And PLEASE, we would love some photos of you reading with your children. You can email them to the school, or bring them in and we will make a lovely display! And you know, the children love a photo.

Warmest wishes,

Sophie, Liz, Tracey, Katrina, and Fiona