

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Welcome back to this busy, exciting half term. The topics we will be covering are Animals Great and Small & Easter.

Thank you

On behalf of all the Nursery staff can I say a big 'Thank you' all for the gifts and cards we received from you at the end of term. You are very generous and we certainly appreciated them!

Half Term Topic

We begin this half term by looking at the topics of 'Winter' and 'Ourselves'. I shall be introducing the topics through the story 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. The children will be undertaking a 'Signs of Winter' walk, investigating why we need winter clothing, looking at the types of weather we get in winter and finding out about animals that live on the ice and snow. They will also be learning about their development from being babies to now, comparing and contrasting the clothes they wear at different times of the year, making a family tree and in PE investigating what their bodies can do and why they get puffed out when they exercise.

Role Play Area

This will be based on Percy the Park Keeper's Hut from the story 'One Snowy Night'. I have some resources for the children to dress up as Percy when he's outside but we have no child size quilt for his bed or dressing gown, slippers or pyjamas for when he is in bed. If you can help with these or any other suitable resources that the children could use in their play, they would be gratefully accepted! The children are welcome to bring any woodland animal dressing up clothes too. These must be named and not be precious to them as sadly accidents do happen when the children are sharing them.



Snack Money

Last term all the children had a turn at cooking and gardening. We bought and planted bedding plants and bulbs from the snack money you donated and are looking forward to seeing them bloom later this term. The plant your child gave you at Christmas was paid for from snack money too. To be able to continue to do these activities we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£1** a week towards the cost of snack food, cooking ingredients, dough making materials etc. If your child does a full day they will have two lots of cooking and double snack food, so it would be appreciated if you could contribute **£2** for the days your child is full time. This works out to 20p a session. No child will ever go without but limited funds mean limited resources. There is a tick list and money box in the nursery entrance where you can mark off your contribution. The monies can be paid weekly (£1) or half termly (£5 this half term), whichever suits you best. Also, it would be appreciated if you could donate a roll of kitchen paper, which is used for place mats at snack time, and a box of tissues for the children to use when they have runny noses!

Thank you.

Please Note

- Library days - Tuesdays and Thursdays. You are invited to come in at 11.30.am (morning session children) and 3.15pm (afternoon session children) to choose a book with your child. Your child keeps the book for the week and returns it the following Tuesday or Thursday. You will be unable to take another book if the book is not returned the following week.
- PE sessions - Friday morning and afternoon. The children take off (and put on again!) their socks and shoes. It would be helpful if the girls could wear socks rather than tights on their PE days and that the shoes the children wear that day are easy for them to put on.

Dates for your Diary

- Parent Consultation Evenings - Details to follow.

If you have any queries, worries or need to share information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best regards

Patricia Haynes

Nursery Teacher