

## What's happening in our local area!

Find out about the animals at **St. Ives estate** or try a **health walk**. For information visit :- [www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk/walks/bingley-st-ives-estate/](http://www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk/walks/bingley-st-ives-estate/)

### Visit Cliffe Castle Park

and experience the Spring flowering bulbs first hand.



### Experience a ride on

**ShIPLEY Glen tramway**. Open Sundays only from January 2018 to Easter (30th March) 12:00 to 16:00 hrs.

[www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk/](http://www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk/)

### Visit the local library with your child.

Keighley library runs free story, craft and rhyme sessions. They are a great way to introduce your child to the library. They run on Wednesday's 11am to 11.45am Story and

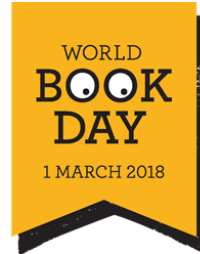
craft and Saturday's 11am to 11.45am Rhyme and craft.

See <https://>



## Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close Nursery

### March



**Thursday 1st-** World Book Day - children to share their favourite books and dress up as their favourite book character. (We will also celebrate World Book Day on Wednesday 28th February).

**Wednesday 7th** Zoolab animal visit on Senses and Textures

**W/C 12th** Parent/Carer consultations for children who started in September 2017 and January 2018

**W/C 19th** Sport Relief- come and join us and have a go on the obstacle course.



You can volunteer to join us on our trip to the library or to any other outings that we make during the coming term, following the children's interests. Just speak to a member of the nursery team.

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## This Half Term in Green, Blue & Yellow Group

### Spring 2 2018



Look at the different vegetables at the local markets and supermarket and encourage your child to chose a new vegetable to try.

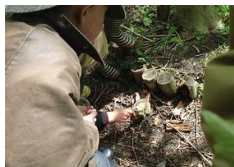
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যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

# THIS HALF TERM IN GREEN, BLUE AND YELLOW GROUP

## What we think our children will enjoy learning

The children have shown a continued interest in the creatures they have found outdoors. We will be revamping our bug hotel and using pooters and magnifying glasses on our bug hunts. We are also planning a visit from Zoolab to give the children an opportunity to handle and learn more about minibeasts and other creatures.



Role Play—many of the children are engaging in imaginative role play with their friends and we plan to support this further with enhancements to our home corner and the outdoor play areas. Imaginative play based on everyday experiences such as cooking, looking after the baby and driving are important for developing vocabulary, communication and social skills as children play together to act out a narrative.

Many of our children make visits to our sensory room. This half term we will be introducing additional sensory resources which use light and vibration.



Sensory equipment helps to develop gross motor skills, vocalisation, tracking and hand-eye coordination. The sensory room can be booked by parents, just ask at the office for available times.

## What we would like to teach our children about

Following on from our participation in the Bradford Libraries Rhyme challenge we will be visiting the library.



Our core story in blue and yellow group this half term is Lima's Red Hot Chilli. The children will be encouraged to use their senses to investigate different foods through tasting, smelling and describing how the vegetables look and feel. We will also learn about the importance of eating a range of different foods including fruit and vegetables and we plan to make soup with vegetables chosen and prepared by the children.

Building on the children's continued interest in animals, green group will be reading animal stories including Mrs Wishy Washy. The children will learn about the names of different animals, the sounds they make and where they live.

In preparation for Sport Relief (17th-23rd March) we will be using some of our larger climbing and balancing equipment outdoors to make obstacle courses and support the learning of positional vocabulary such as on, under, over etc.



## Things you can do to support your child's learning

- Send a family photograph to nursery for us to add to our home corner area.
- Look at the different vegetables at the supermarket and encourage your child to choose a new vegetable to try.



- Volunteer to join us on our outings such as the visit to the library. Just speak to a member of nursery staff.
- Borrow our core stories from the library or listen to Lima's Red Hot Chilli on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=725F7JwAqS4>
- Please log in to your child's observations on Early Essence to see what your child has been doing at nursery. Don't forget to share with us what your child does at home!