

I would once again like to send a big thankyou, to those of you who are attending daily, for helping to keep us all safe at Nursery. We really do appreciate you keeping your distance from each other and the staff and continuing to wear face coverings. As you know we are all now taking part in twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Testing which adds another layer of protection.

This has been a very busy half term, we have been bringing your children a wide variety and range of experiences. The weather has also helped by adding a sprinkling of snow!

For those of you keeping your children at home currently, we hope you are enjoying receiving the activity suggestions, stories, songs /rhymes etc. that staff have been preparing for you. If you have not accessed them yet please do contact Reception and we will help you.

Thank you to you all for continuing to post onto Tapestry, we do all enjoy seeing what your children have been doing at home.

I hope you all enjoy half term, take care and keep safe.

Debbie

Term Dates for the rest of the school year

Spring term

Half Term; 15th - 19th February 2021
Classes close; Friday 26th March 2021

INSET days (staff training days - nursery closed)

Monday 12th April

Summer term

Classes start; Tuesday 13th April 2021
May Day; Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term; 31st May - 4th June 2021
Classes close; Thursday 22nd July 2021

Library Explorer



Borrowing library books from the Caverstede library

We will be starting our Library Explorer scheme again after the half term break. If children borrow a book at least once a week during the scheme, at the end of this they will receive a brand new book for them to keep and enjoy.

We will let you know more about this soon. If you have not yet borrowed books from the library, why not take a look at what there is available. Speak to your child's key person or class teacher if you need any help.



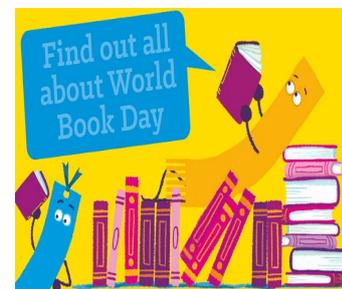
Please help us to keep track of hats, gloves and scarves by having your child's name in them.

Don't forget we go out in all weathers, so warm coats/layers of clothing is really important. We are keeping windows and (doors when possible) open to help with ventilation, so rooms are cooler, so having warm layers will be really important over the coming months to help keep your child warm whilst playing both inside and outside.

Keeping safe and considerate parking

If you drive to Caverstede, could we please ask that you park with care and avoid double parking or parking on yellow lines. This is illegal and makes the road dangerous for all the children and families who are using it. There is also a disabled parking bay at the front of the nursery which is there for the use of those who need this facility so please do not park there. Please also consider our neighbours along Caverstede Road and avoid parking across driveways or on the grass verges.

Thank you for wearing face coverings, keeping socially distanced and for using hand sanitiser provided when dropping off and collecting your children.



World Book Day this year is 4th March. We will let you know what activities there will be in nursery. Please click on the picture above to get to the World Book Day website for lots of information and activities.

Child Protection and Safeguarding for Schools: We take child protection issues extremely seriously; at all times we consider the protection and safety of the child in our care. Child protection issues are always dealt with in the appropriate ways. All staff have attended child protection training and are familiar with the correct procedures.

At Caverstede Nursery School we follow the Child Protection procedures for the Peterborough Safeguarding Board. We have named people for child protection they are Debbie Hayes, Katy Coles, Hannah Haigh and Emily Wiseman.

If you have concerns regarding children's safety and protection, it is essential that you contact your child's key person, class teacher or the Headteacher.



Butterfly class: We have been reading our core story 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have been using the characters from the story to retell it and they enjoy joining in with the repeated phrases including 'Run, run as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!'. We have been lucky enough to have some small gingerbread men for snack and the children enjoyed watching Amanda making gingerbread. We have all had a go at painting and drawing a gingerbread man to add to our classroom display.

We have been learning about the season of Winter and the children have especially been enjoying playing outside in the snow. They have made snowmen, after being shown how to roll a snow ball and exploring ice. The children have been carefully using hammers to break ice into small pieces.

Also we have made some bird fat balls during bird watching week and using the binoculars to look at different birds in the garden.

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year and will be trying some different foods including egg fried rice, soy sauce, plum sauce, spring onions, noodles and prawn crackers. We have watched a video on CBeebies about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and also we are busy making our dragon in preparation for the dragon dance.

Have restful half term break!

Ladybird class: Our current core story is "Who's in the Shed"? and this will continue after half term. The children are really enjoying the repeated language in the story and are joining in with them at key group times. We are encouraging a lot of talk and questioning around animals and we are learning lots of new facts!

With the weather currently wintery we are also exploring the cold and snow. We have been freezing water for the children to explore and we have been using a lot of descriptive words around the weather during play. Can I please ask parents to make sure children have lots of layers, as well as a hat, scarf and gloves, to keep them warm as we go out in all weathers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Ladybird parents for their continued support in these difficult times. Thank you for sharing all of your home learning with us. We love to talk about what you have been doing outside of the nursery with the children and your observations and lovely comments keep us smiling! Watch out for half term Tapestry activities for you to use as you would like.

We hope you have a restful holiday

Buzzy Bee class: Its been a busy term in the Buzzy Bees. We have been fully involved with bird spotting, setting up a bird hide in the garden which the children have embraced using the binoculars, including making their own to help them spot the various birds in the sky and trees around the nursery. They have used identifying books and pages to help them spot the different types of birds that visit us locally. With the height of excitement seeing a Red Kite fly over us. They have made their own fat balls to feed the birds with, and explored books and sensory play all based around birds.

The core story this half term has been 'The Gruffalo'. We have embraced many types of Gruffalo snacks, and with one big final Gruffalo snack in the Woodland garden by the Gruffalo sculpture which included everything from purple prickle juice to black tongues (liquorice) and orange eyes (apricots) and so much more on the menu! The children have embraced the story, re-enacting the different roles in their play, retelling the story using phrases, and we even grew our own deep dark wood in the classroom as part of their role play area! Caroline has led some cooking demonstrations to the whole class, including making Gruffalo Crumble, which the children tasted, and all gave their opinions on!

More recently we have celebrated Chinese New Year with a Dragon Dance in the Nursery Garden, a Chinese snack, Chinese takeaway role play in the garden, sensory play, and green tea in the water tray!

The weather has been a great source of fun, excitement and learning too this half term. Thank you to everyone who sends in the spare changes of clothes, as this has meant the children have been able to fully embrace the experiences of going out in all weathers, heavy rain, snow and ice mainly this half term. They have done everything from puddle painting, to snow ball fights, Great fun had by both children and staff!

We are really enjoying watching the children choose their library books, and at the end of the day before they take their books home, the children are giving mini-book reviews to each other on the stories they have read, which appears to really bring excitement about the books they are taking home.

Next half term we are looking at the Core Story 'Chicken Licken' which will lead us on to Easter themes by the end of the half term, as well as focusing on other areas such as Mothers Day, Shrove Tuesday and World Book Day- so many more exciting opportunities for the children to learn from.