

A Learning Letter from the Nursery

Welcome to the Nursery

A very warm welcome to our 4 new children and their families. These children are already busy exploring all the areas and activities available to them in the Nursery. We are very proud of and must congratulate our 'old' children on the way they are supporting the new children. They have been extremely kind, caring and helpful and are a credit to you and our Nursery.

The children are showing a real interest in designing, constructing and building – everything from cranes to igloos! They are becoming experts at using the tools independently and working with materials in creative ways.

Learning in the Nursery

Thank you so much for the milk cartons that you collected so that we could build our amazing igloo. This idea started from a collaboration between Rosie and a small group of children who were making dens and animal homes. Rosie showed them some images of igloos made from recycled materials and the project began!

This project has provided a real and meaningful context for learning as the children measure, count, estimate, record their ideas and communicate with each other. We were also thrilled that some children from the Junior school were able to pop down and help with the sticking – great to see some old friends and siblings.



“The activities that are the easiest, cheapest, and most fun to do such as singing, playing games, reading, storytelling, and simply talking and listening, are also the best for child development.” Jerome Singer

Developing our Vocabulary

We are having a big focus on recording our ideas through mark making and writing, developing our vocabulary and hearing the phonemes in words.

The children have been enjoying finding out the meanings of new words and then using them in their play, story telling and conversations.

When you share a story at home, talk about the different words and their meanings. It would be great if the children could bring in any new words they have learnt and we will share them during a whole group session.

How you can help

At home:

Write the shopping list together - a real reason for communicating through mark making.

Look out for:

Different animal homes and dens.

Visit:

Exeter library to choose a new book to share.

Important date!

Nursery Open Saturday for Mums and female family members is on Saturday 7th March from 10am – 12pm. This is a special morning where we open the Nursery for the children and their mum or significant female relative to explore the Nursery environment just as they would do on a usual day. We hope you can make it and sadly no siblings please.





We are thrilled to welcome Janine to our Nursery team. Janine is covering Laura-Jane's maternity leave and will be working in the Nursery every morning and supporting lunchtimes. The children have already given her a warm welcome and it is great to have her on our team.



The importance of being outside

The children have the opportunity to explore outside whatever the weather and we don't stop the children from playing outdoors if they wish to - just as we wouldn't stop them from painting or drawing for example. We also explore the wonderful outside spaces in the school such as the wildlife garden and the adventure playground on a daily basis. Playing outdoors offers rich, sensory first-hand experiences which are essential for growing minds. The value of outdoor play is vast - it engages imagination, curiosity and fosters health and well-being. We are well equipped in the Nursery with waterproofs and wellington boots, please also ensure your child has an appropriate warm coat to wear when it is a bit colder so that they are ready to play.



On your way to Nursery

Can you spot any.....

Numbers on doors or number plates?



Birds or animals?

