



Newsletter Newsletter



February 2020

Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, we hope that you enjoyed your February half term break. As always the planning is displayed outside each of the three Nursery classrooms and you can also find copies on our website. This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning.

Teachers plan adult focused activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes. Practitioners work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also have copies of the rhyme of the week for you to take home and enjoy with your child. .

As you will be aware, we are taking part in some new initiatives to impact positively on teaching skills and outcomes for children. We are part of the DfE's Early Years Development Programme and the Education Endowment Fund project for mathematics. Thank you for supporting us in our professional development.

Please feel free to contribute to your child's Record of Achievement – please let us know what you have been doing at home – photographs and mementos are welcome. Email photographs and a description to office@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk and we will print them out for children to talk about in class and put in their Record.

We are also sharing our Learning Reviews on a weekly basis (on rotation of 4 children each week per class). Please let us have your feedback about how your child is at home, any particular interests that they have and any news skills that they have learnt. We want to work in partnership with to personalise learning as much as possible so that each and every child succeeds. Every class will be sending bags home for you to let us know all about your child and what makes them unique. All children will be included, and this is done on rotation. Please share with us all the wonderful characteristics that your child has, perhaps some family photographs or some special items that your child cherishes.

Learning Outside

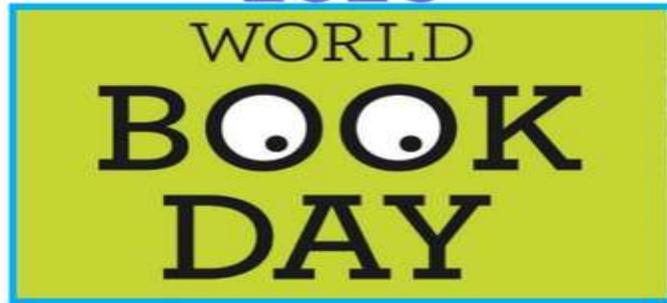
The outside learning environment is as important as the indoor provision and we aim to be outside in all types of weather to develop physical skills and intellectual development. The wide range of activities offered outside supports children's learning in all areas of the curriculum. We have raincoats, waterproof trousers and wellington boots for all children although you are welcome to bring your own.

The mud kitchen is an exciting place for children to explore but it does mean that some clothes get a little messy – please appreciate the importance of this type of exploratory and investigative play and do not put children in their best clothes for school as we cannot guarantee that they come home dressed as cleanly as when they came.

Please ensure that you do not send any food or drinks with children as we have pupils with severe allergies. We are hoping for sunshine in the near future so please let us know if your child cannot tolerate us using our sun cream protection & you wish to use your own.

World Book Day

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World book day Wednesday 4th March

You are invited to join us for a bedtime story between 4.30 and 5.00. Children (and parents if you choose to) are welcome to wear their bedtime attire and join us for stories and hot chocolate.

Week commencing Monday 16th March we are hosting reading week
Every day there will be a different reading themed activity

Monday 16th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th
Make your own book of the week	Rhyme time	Usborne books stall Sensory Room	Potty about poetry	Story sacks

To celebrate World Book Day we have a book stall in partnership with Usborne Books in the Sensory Room on Wednesday 18th March. Each child will receive a £1 book token. On the day feel free to dress up as your favourite book character.



Grandparents Stay & Play

Grandparents stay and play

Wednesday 11th March from 9 to 9.30
Come along and join us for a drink and biscuits,
have fun with your grandchild in their classroom

Monday 30th March play and learn

Join us between 9 and 9.30 for a stay and
learn session on maths. Handouts will be
available to those parents who are unable
to attend.



Wednesday 1st April – chocolate tombola



We will hold a chocolate tombola in Reception on the
last Wednesday. All donations gratefully received.
£1.00 per strip of tickets and every 5 and 0 wins a prize.
Come along a see if you can win some chocolate treats
to enjoy over the Easter break.

We have Easter themed lunches on Tuesday 31st and Thursday 2nd April.
Thank you to Eileen and Graham for their amazing work in making
these events so special for children to enjoy.



School closes for Easter
Friday 3rd and re-opens Mon
20th April
Happy holidays!

