



# Newsletter Newsletter



February 2019

## 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. 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. Our core story for this half term is 'Mr Gumpy's outing' by John Burningham. A wonderful tale of sharing a boat ride in the sunshine .... but what will happen? We will have lots of accompanying texts such as 'We all go travelling by', 'Who sank the boat?' and 'Duck in a truck'. There will be an accompanying theme of maps and journeys. The role play areas may play host to travel agents or a ticket office to inspire language, creativity and imaginative play. 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](mailto: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.

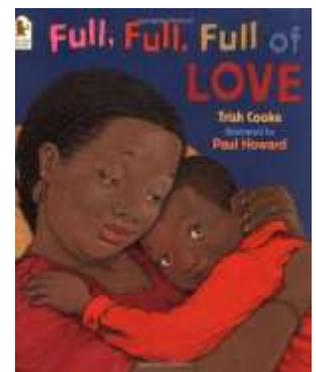
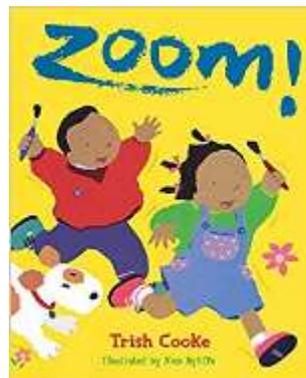
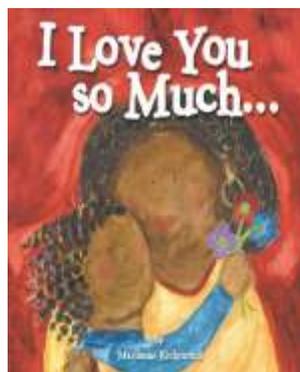
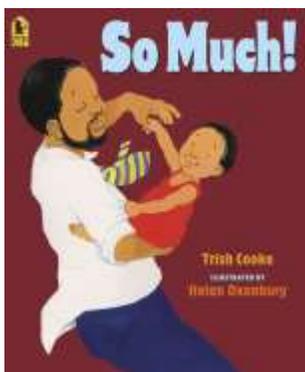
The mud kitchen is an exciting place for children to explore but it does mean that some clothes get a little messy – please appreciate the importance of this type of exploratory and investigative play and do not put children in their best clothes for school as we cannot guarantee that they come home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



World book day Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day we have a book stall in partnership with Usborne Books in the Sensory Room. Each child will receive a £1 book token. On the day feel free to dress up as your favourite book character or wear pyjamas for a bedtime story.



Trish Cooke former TV presenter and author of so many fabulous childrens books such as 'So Much', 'Zoom', 'Full full full of love' and many more will be with us all day in Nursery. She will spend her time between the classrooms sharing her wonderful books and bringing them alive with her own special way of story-telling.

# COMIC RELIEF

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March

Wear your red nose, or wear red, or wear both if you have them. A collection box will be in Reception for any donations.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Join us between 9 and 9.30 in Nursery 1 and Nursery 2 to learn more about phonics. Handouts will be available to those parents who are unable to attend.



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



School closes for Easter on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Happy holidays!

School re-opens on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

