



# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new half term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Thank you to everyone for all the lovely gifts, cards and festive good wishes.

*Our topic this half term is 'Here and There'*

*We will be doing lots of fun (and sometimes messy!) activities relating to this topic.*

*As part of this topic we will be exploring houses, homes and animal habitats, thinking about where we live and what makes a good home. Our focus stories this half term are 'Mrs Wishy Washy's Farm' and 'The Three Little Pigs' and our focus rhyme is 'Old Macdonald had a Farm'*

To start our learning, we will be looking at farm animals and then comparing their home on the farm to under water animals and zoo animals. However, at the start of a topic we create a 'mind map' to find out what the children already know about our topic and also what they would like to find out. This means we can plan activities linked to the children's interests as well as skills and objectives we would like them to focus on. Please see the overview of learning for this half term.

The children will continue to have a daily 'phonics' session where we will be working from Little Wandle's Foundation Phonics. We will be continuing to tune into sounds all around us and play with oral sounds we use every day in our daily language. These are our focus 'oral' sounds this half term; s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, c/k, e.

Your child will continue to share books in class on a daily basis and share a book 1-1 with a teacher at least once a week. Your child will bring home a story book from our early years library and this will be changed weekly. Please use your child's reading record and Tapestry to communicate your child's experiences when sharing books at home.



REMINDER: The day books are changed will often vary so it is very important that your child complete book bag is in school **every day**.



We will continue to explore lots of activities to support both gross and fine motor control in preparation for early writing; including playing team games, squiggle while you wiggle dances and movements and dough disco.



Through focus Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) sessions the children will look at 'Dreams and Goals'.



In Mathematics we will be developing our understanding of 'number', by recognising digits and their value; exploring sets and amounts. We will also be looking at pattern through our cross curricular learning.



Reminders:



- Please continue to share home learning and experiences with us through your Tapestry account. Homework tasks will continue to be set through Tapestry on a regular basis. Please also continue to log into your Tapestry account to see some of your child's highlights of learning in Nursery.
- Please ensure **all** belongings are named. Your child has a coat peg and a water bottle label, but at the end of each day we try to give out all belongings not accounted for, which if they are not named can be very difficult.
- Everyday your child will need their; book bags, a full water bottle, spare clothes (in a bag), appropriate outdoor clothing.
- The children will receive a healthy snack option each morning from us. However, if you wish you may send them with a preferred fruit/vegetable snack. Please do not send your child to school with any other food.
- Please remember to write in your child reading record/diary whenever you share a book together.
- Class email: [YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk),



Many thanks for all of your support,



Mrs Bavin and Miss Dolan