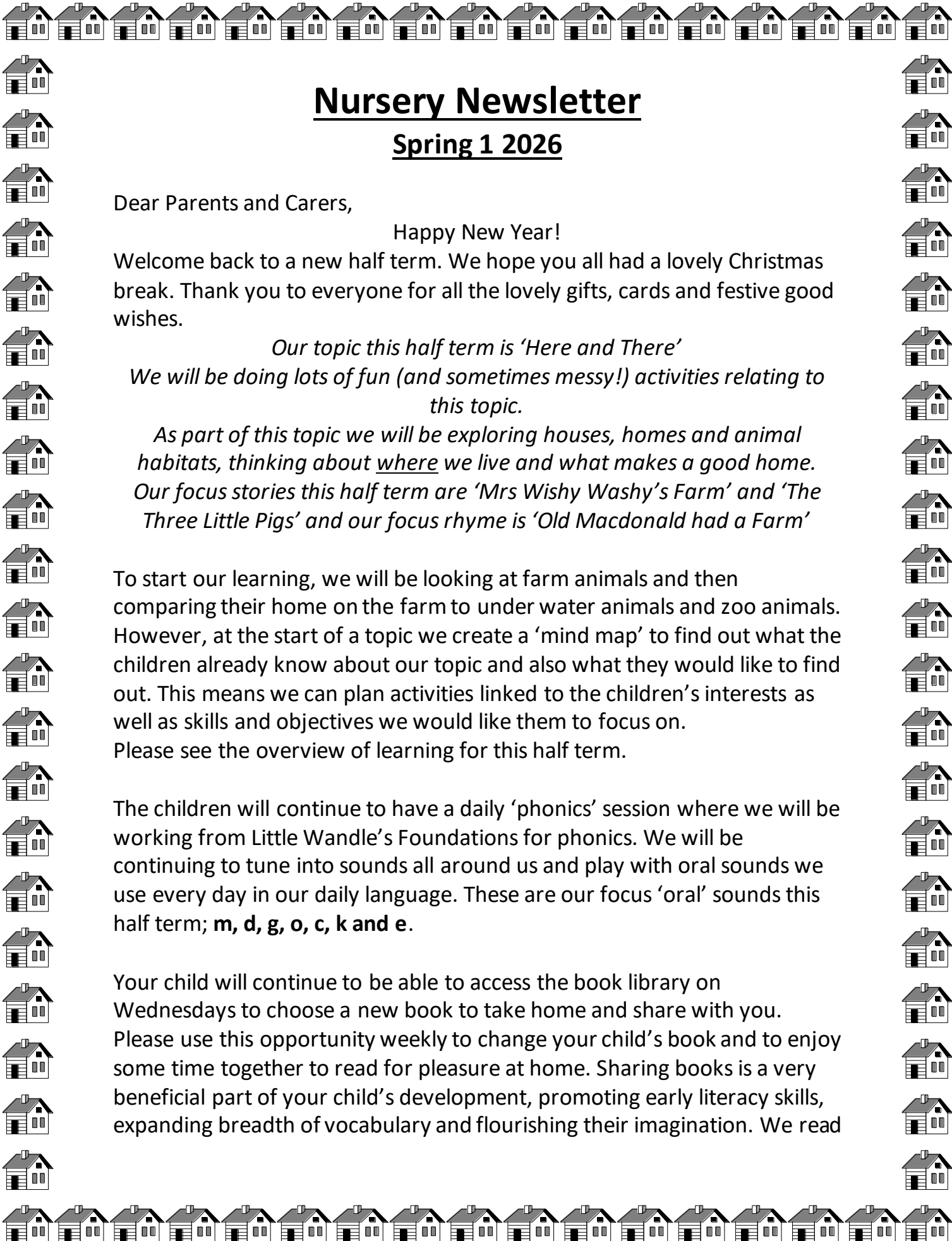




Nursery Newsletter

Spring 1 2026

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 Foundations for 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; **m, d, g, o, c, k and e**.

Your child will continue to be able to access the book library on Wednesdays to choose a new book to take home and share with you. Please use this opportunity weekly to change your child's book and to enjoy some time together to read for pleasure at home. Sharing books is a very beneficial part of your child's development, promoting early literacy skills, expanding breadth of vocabulary and flourishing their imagination. We read



lots of stories in Nursery too, both individually during free flow play and whole class.



REMINDER: Books can be changed each week on **Wednesdays**.



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.



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



In Mathematics we will practise showing 1, 2 and 3 fingers in different contexts – through a range of games and rhymes. We will also practise saying number names to support us in the counting principle of one-to-one correspondence. We will also be exploring positional language such as 'on' 'under' 'through' and 'between.'



Reminders:



- Please continue to share home learning and experiences with us through your Tapestry account. Homework tasks will be set on a weekly basis. The tasks will be uploaded to Tapestry on Fridays as a memo. Please look out for these. 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 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's reading record/diary whenever you share a book together.
- Class email: YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk,





Many thanks for all your support,



Miss Thomas, Miss Dolan & Mrs Kyriacou

