



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Night and Day!



SPRING 1

Welcome to Nursery! The Early Years team are excited to welcome the children back to school after Christmas. The Nursery day will start with a chance to practise writing names and a 'busy time', where children are able to choose activities to do. The areas in the Foundation Stage Unit are named after insects. Nursery (N2) are called Butterflies and N1 are called Caterpillars. All nursery children are mainly based in the Butterfly room but have access to lots of other spaces too. We have a fun half term planned and look forward to seeing you all again!

PSED

Jigsaw is part of our PSED curriculum. This half-term, the theme is *Dream and Goals*. We will explore who we want to be when we're older, developing independence in self care and continuing caring for our classroom. We will be developing our team work skills and learning to take turns along with behaviour expectations.



TOPIC

Our focus for this half term is 'People who help us'. We will be looking at the emergency services and having lots of fun pretending to be firefighters, doctors and the police! We will be learning about different jobs and what they do. We will also be learning what to do in an emergency. If anyone has a family member who works in the emergency services and would be willing to come in to talk to the children please let us know. We are also fortunate to visit a Chinese restaurant hosted by Reception.

LITERACY We will explore the book, 'Owl babies', and learn about nocturnal animals. We will practise our mark-making skills using patterns and also strengthen our hand muscles to help us be better writers by doing dough disco! In Phonics we will be playing lots of games and learning the first few sounds from set 1. We are exploring a new Artist Yayoi Kusama and will be creating our own Yayoi Kusama inspired masterpiece.

MATHS

In maths, we will explore patterns in pictures and routine. We will look at object counting to 3 and verbal counting to 5. We will explore how an object can be split into 2 parts and put back together. We will practise our counting skills to ten using number songs. We will also explore the language big/small, tall/short, full/empty and compare two sets of objects and say which has more/fewer.



KEY QUESTIONS

- Who do I want to be when I grow up?
- Who are the people who help us?
- What do I do in an emergency?
- What does it mean to be nocturnal?
- What animals are nocturnal?



DIARY DATES & OTHER INFORMATION

- Chinese restaurant visit Friday 27th January 2023.
- 6th-12th of February - Children's mental health week
- 11th of February international day of girls and women in science
- Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.
- PE is on Wednesdays - Come in usual clothes.