



## Nursery Daisies Newsletter – Spring 1

### Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We can't believe that we are onto term 3 already!

Our new topic is entitled 'Frozen', which will allow us to explore and observe the changing weather around us. We will learn about colder parts of the world and some of the animals you might find there.

### Phonics

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Early phonic sessions will continue this term, focusing on initial sounds.

We will be looking at objects and words beginning with m,d,g,o,c,k and e.

Each weekly session is game based and there will also be a designated phonic area within the classroom for the children to access independently.

### Literacy

This term, we will be talking about the main events of a story and will begin to recall longer stories. We will also continue to recognise our name, with a photograph for support.

### Maths

In maths, we will begin to talk about the different numbers within a number and to physically partition objects into two groups. We will also begin to explore patterns in a variety of ways.

### Communication and language

We will encourage the children to listen and make comments about their



learning. We will be supporting the children to express their ideas and feelings using full and understandable sentences. Please encourage your children to use words to express their wants, needs and feelings, rather than making noises.

### Personal, social and emotional development



Starting this January, we will be welcoming some new children and we're looking forward to supporting them with their transition into nursery.

We will also continue to support all our children to make positive relationships and help others to settle into nursery routines after the Christmas break.

The children will continue to develop an understanding of the nursery rules, and we will continue to encourage independence. As part of being independent, we will be encouraging the children to bring in their own bottle and lunchboxes in the mornings and put them away, to give them some ownership and responsibility.

### Physical development



We will continue to provide activities to further develop the children's fine-motor skills, which in turn will help with their letter formation. This term, we will also begin working on our pencil skills, ensuring children are using the correct tripod grip and making sure they mark make from left to right, preparing them for early writing skills.

### Understanding the world

We will begin our new topic with a focus on winter, observing weather and changes that occur within our environment. The topic will then evolve by looking at Arctic animals, exploring ice and then lastly, we will learn about and compare where we live with another country and culture. This year, we will be focusing on Romania.

### Helping your child learn at home



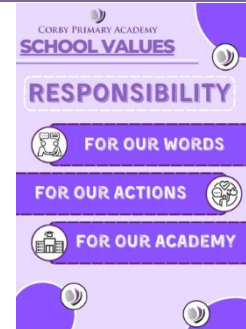
Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their coats and shoes. We have been practising the coat flip at Nursery. Encourage your child to bring in and put away their own lunchboxes and bottles.



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Read and share books together at home.

Support your children to recognise, sort and count numbers confidently 0-5, then 0-10.



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as a reward for demonstrating our school values Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



### Class information

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Gemma Smart

**Supported by:** Mrs Leigh Irvine, Miss Katherine Harvey, Miss Sabrina Cameron, Mrs Thirza O'Boyle, Mrs Holly Dennett and Miss Lilly Hildreth.

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.

**Please remember to name your child's clothes and belongings.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and lunch bag



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or box if they stay for lunch.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in it that contains nuts or honey.

### Dates for the diary!



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Book and Biscuit session 2.40pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - NSPCC Whole School Number Day- timings tbc

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Mental Health Week- wear yellow

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine's Day celebrations

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - school closes for Half Term.