



Nursery Daisies Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome to term 4, time is going so quickly! We have lots of lovely things planned this term. Our topic for this term is entitled 'Animal Kingdom.' We will begin by looking at our own pets, then moving our learning onto farm animals, zoo and wild animals and then animals and their young. We will also have World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter as celebrations of focus.

Phonics

Phonics

In phonics we have been learning to hear the initial (first) sound in words and to blend words when the sounds are said to us. We are going to continue to practice these skills with lots of different games. We will be focusing on the sounds of u, r, h, b, f, l, j.

At this point we do not show the children any words or letters written down (except for their names). All our work is oral. We will also continue to practice reading the children's names, both with and without a photo prompt.

Literacy

In Literacy we are going to use a story a week to develop our vocabulary. All the stories are linked to animals. Each week we will develop vocabulary including noticing, feelings, and actions for this half term. The stories are Dear Zoo, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, Farmyard Hulabaloo, Noah's Ark and We-re Going on an Egg Hunt.



Maths

In Maths we are going to start by learning how to sort objects by 2 or more criteria. For example, we are going to sort animals by 'has got 4 legs/ has not got 4 legs.' Then we will explore comparing objects based on their weight or length. As the term progresses, we will compare 2 groups of objects and use vocabulary such as same, more or less. We will also learn and practice positional and directional language and begin to describe familiar routes. These words will include behind, in front, next to, under and other similar words.



Communication and language



We will encourage the children to listen and make comments about their learning to express their ideas and feelings using full understandable sentences. The children will also have opportunities to share and talk about their pets at home, if they have one, at the beginning of the term.

Personal, social and emotional development



We will continue to support the children to make positive relationships with both their peers and the adults in Daisy class. We are especially focusing on sharing and turn taking this half term and respecting our toys, as a lot of toys were damaged last term. We are also going to look at Mother's Day and the importance of our families. We will continue to encourage independence in self-care.

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. We do this through Kinetic Letters sessions, where we teach children the 'movements' that we make when forming letters. This half term we are focusing on 'slide' as well as practicing 'down bump', 'up' and 'flick' that we have already covered.

Understanding the world

This term our topic is 'Animal Kingdom'. We will begin our new topic with a focus on pets and the animals that are familiar to us and then we will move onto farm animals, and wild animals. We will think about where these animals might live and some of their key features. Our topic will finish with a week exploring the celebration of Easter.

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.

Read and share books together at home.

Support your children to recognise, sort and count numbers confidently 0-5, 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: 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 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 that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Spring 2

Monday 23rd February - school reopens to pupils

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 17th March - Parents' evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18th March - Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 18th March - Class Photos

Friday 20th March - Comic Relief Day

Thursday 26th March - Easter Hunt TBC

Friday 27th March - Wear blue and yellow for World Down Syndrome Day

Friday 27th March - school closes for Half Term



**EASTER
HOLIDAYS**

