

Nursery Packs

The Nursery Homework packs are now available for hire at a cost of 50p per week. Mrs Larkin and Miss Ryder have kindly offered to organise the packs. The proceeds of which go towards replenishing the packs and treating the children to a visit from an ice-cream van at the end of the year. The packs will be for hire on Tuesdays after school in the Foundation Stage entrance area.

Lost Property

We are aware that a number of cardigans, jumpers and hats have been misplaced. Please can you ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing so that we are able to return as much.

Headlice

We have been informed by a number of parents that their children have recently had head lice. It is no longer Local Authority Policy to send class letters home to warn parents in the event of an outbreak of head lice. We do, however, encourage you to check your child's hair frequently (a few times a week) to ensure that further outbreaks are prevented. We have number of Lynclear combs and leaflets advising parents on how to deal with this problem, please ask a member of staff if require any combs or leaflets. For further information contact your Health Visitor.

Activities to do at home....

- Play eye spy! Encourage your child to hear and say the initial sounds in words i.e. cat begins with "c" and top begins with "t". Play eye spy to encourage listening for the initial sounds. Eye spy with my little eye, something beginning with.....
- Pretend to be a robot! This encourages children to blend sounds together as they will have to do when they are reading. You could ask your child to pass you a b-oo-k and your child needs to be able to hear the word book. Examples of words which are easy for you to sound out as a robot are: cat, dog, sit, head (h,e,d), chin (ch-i-n), tap
- As well as counting and recognising numbers around the house, at the supermarket and when driving in the car, encourage your child to understand how numbers relate to each other by posing simple number problems i.e. you have got 4 oranges, how many would you have if Mummy ate one? You can then remove one and count the remainder (now you have 3). This works well with one more and one less to 10.

Below are two excellent websites with ideas and activities to support early learning. They are accessible free of charge.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

Phonics play is an excellent website with a free section. You can access all manner of phonics games to enhance listening, sound discrimination, rhyme, segmenting (sounding out words) and blending (putting them back together), Most children in the nursery are currently working on phase 1 (rhyme, alliteration, segmenting and blending) but some will benefit from the games at phase 2.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/>

Top Marks Maths (5-7) has an excellent choice of number games for developing early maths skills such as counting and number recognition.



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely half term!

Our learning challenge question this half term is "What shall we have for dinner?" which as you can imagine is rather a tasty topic! Please can you ensure that you have returned the food tasting letters as we will be cooking and eating various foods each week so we need to ensure that permission slips in this area are up to date.

Our visit to Frankie and Benny's will take place on the 5th March (Squirrels and Badgers) and the 6th March (Hedgehogs and Rabbits). Please can you ensure all permission slips, money and menu choices are received by the end of w/c 24.2.14. Any parents who are available to help on those dates would be very welcome—as you can appreciate it is a fair walk for little legs so all helpers are welcome!

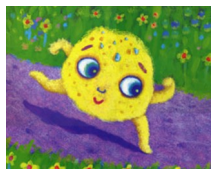
In the coming weeks, some children will be bringing home reading books. Some will have words in and some will be wordless. There will be an Early Years evening in the coming weeks where we will explain early reading, writing and maths. It is a fun, interactive evening where you get to learn how to help your child to make progress and we will be explaining reading and phonics strategies. Date TBC.



What shall we have for dinner?

Our learning challenge question this half term is: What shall we have for dinner? We will be exploring lots of different food from lots of different places in the world, tasting it and even having a go at cooking it! The questions for each week are listed below.

1. What would you do if a tiger came to tea?
2. Which is your favourite topping?
3. How does Louie eat his dinner?
4. Where does the chapatti go?
5. What do cowboys eat?
6. What shall we have for pudding/recap?
7. What do we eat at Easter?



We will be having some visitors coming into nursery to teach us about different foods and to do some cooking with us. Our visit this half term is to Frankie and Benny's restaurant at Trentham Gardens.

As part of our "What do cowboys eat?" week, we will be having an open afternoon where parents are given the opportunity to come and make a hobby horse with their children. This will take place at **1.30p.m** on **Tuesday 25th March**. We provide resources, although all children will need a short brush stale to form the body of the horse. Please bring these with you, along with your imagination and any extra resources you need. We look forward to seeing you there!

There will also be a **Wild West Day on Friday 28th March** where children are able to **dress up as cowboys and cowgirls**. We will be riding round the school looking for cattle, learning to rope and even line dancing!

Our focus in Communication and Language is building the confidence to ask any visitors questions and be able to recall things that they have heard.



We will continue our daily focused phonics sessions which are proving very successful in supporting progress in phonics. In our writing we will continue to explore writing in a variety of media, securing an effective pencil grip and practicing writing letters. The children will be writing shopping lists so that we know what to buy from the Co-op in order for us to do our cooking. Please ensure all local environment visit letters are returned as we will be visiting the Co-op a number of times this half term. Parents will be informed prior to each visit.

In our mathematics work, we are continuing to practise counting objects from a larger group and number recognition, as well as solving simple addition and subtraction problems.

In our other areas of learning we will be doing lots of cooking and we will be exploring food in lots of different ways. We will be learning how to use chopsticks, how to make pictures with food and how to use tools safely.

We would like to remind parents that children need wellies in school and a puddle suit to protect their clothing from the mud. In the event of snow, we will take the children who have appropriate clothing out in small groups to explore and make snowmen, snow paintings etc.

