**28th February 2022**

Nursery Spring Knowledge Planner.

Welcome to Nursery. Here are some of the objectives and some of the activities and events that we will be covering in Nursery this term.

Topics & Events that we will be celebrating this term.

This term we will be learning all about Spring. We will be looking closely at the changes in the weather and describing the change in season. During this topic we will be looking at farm animals and their babies- we will be learning the names of the baby animals such as, calf and foal.

Shrove Tuesday-We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and discussing the reasons as to why Christians give up luxuries for Lent. We will be writing and drawing our own shopping lists and making our own pancakes at school.

We have a busy few weeks with filled with lots of events and festivals. We will firstly, be celebrating World Book Day on the 4th March-children can come into school dressed as a character from a fairy tale. We will also be having a book swap on this day, so please remember to bring in a book that can be exchanged for another. We

Holi Festival- We will be celebrating Holi on the 18th March. During this week we will be learning all about Holi and doing lots of fun activities based on this festival of colour-this is one of my favourite festivals to celebrate!

Easter-We will be celebrating this Christian event, which a very important one for our school. We will be looking at the Easter story and doing lots of activities based on this special event. We will also be hunting for the Easter Bunny and going on an Easter egg hunt!

Each week we change the resources and activities in Nursery, the changes are based on children’s interests, festivals that we are celebrating, children’s next steps and our topics. We provide lots of messy play, creative activities and fine motor activities which change each week too.

Our Nursery Rhymes this Term

‘Pat a Cake’

Little Miss Muffet

We will be practising these lots so that we can sing them all by ourselves. Please could you practise these at home too. ☺

Mathematics

* We will be continuing to recognise and discuss 2D shapes.
* We will be looking 2D shapes in the environment.
* We will be continuing to subitise to 3 and really focusing on numbers 0-3 so that children get a really good understanding of these numbers.
* We will be developing our positional language skills and using appropriate vocabulary such as, behind, in-front, above and below.
* We will be developing our map reading skills and linking it to the story ‘Rosie’s Walk’. We will be creating our own maps and looking online at Google Maps. We will also be using simple maps to explore the outdoors and find things around our school grounds.
* We will be ordering things by length and height and describing the measurements.

Gentle Reminders

* Please remember to bring spare clothes in your child’s PE bag which will stay at school.
* Remember to put names in all uniform.
* Please ensure that correct uniform is worn.
* Please ensure that your child has a book bag in school as we have lots of things to take home at the end of the day.
* Please ensure that your child’s reading book and green reading record book are in school every day as we read these with children in school.
* Please ensure that you are not late to drop your child off at school and also please ensure you are on time to collect **(9am-3.15pm).**

Thank you.

Communication and Language

* We will be singing and dancing to lots of nursery rhymes.
* We will also be having stories everyday so that we can discuss the illustrations in the books and have conversations about the books. We will be learning that stories have a beginning, middle and an end.
* We will be learning how to follow 2-step instructions at nursery.
* We will be developing our positional language.
* We will be extending our vocabulary to describe the length and height of things.
* We will be joining in group times and gaining the confidence to speak in front of a group of people.

Literacy.

* We will be recognising different signs and logos.
* We will be learning to recognise our names and begin to write them if we are ready to do this. We will be really concentrating on forming our letters correctly.
* We will be listening to lots of stories with our teachers and looking at sequencing the stories.
* We will be continuing to take part in our weekly ‘Squiggle while we Wiggle. Miss Smith, reads a story and we all take part in mark-making and writing on large paper on the floor!
* We will be learning about Spring and life cycles. We will be sequencing the life cycle of a seed and an egg.
* We have been learning the initial sounds in our names, now we will be learning initial sounds of different words.
* We will be drawing a life cycle and also drawing lots of recognisable things.

**Key Books**

Mr Wolf’s Pancakes

A Squash and a Squeeze

Rosie’s Walk

Happy Holi

How to Catch the Easter Bunny

The Easter Story