

## Nursery Newsletter: Spring 1

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are enjoying a healthy and happy start to 2024. We would like to welcome all our new children and their families we will be admitting over the next three weeks. Here is a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term.

### **Communication and Language**

This half term the children will be focussing on listening and responding to questions and instructions. They will be encouraged to speak in sentences and to use connectives more regularly, such as 'and' and 'because'.

Practitioners will model speech in setting encouraging children to extend their ideas.

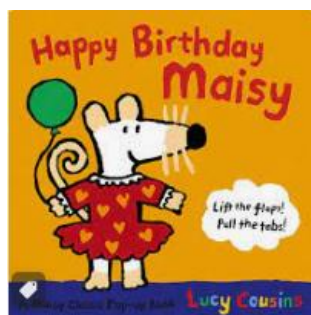
### **P.S.E.D**

We will be focussing on getting to know our friends' names. We will be encouraging children to talk to each other in play and about their experiences out of school. We will continue to demonstrate sharing and turn taking and will try fastening our coats as we become more independent in our self care.

### **Literacy**

The children will be looking at books linked to celebrations. The children will discuss the stories and recall events.

We will also be focusing on hand eye coordination and making lines and curves to help the formation of writing.



### **Maths**

We will be focusing on rote counting to 20. We will use our counting skills to give each object a number whilst counting. The children will be introduced to Numicon and look carefully at each plate.

The children will use shape language to talk about shapes they find in the environment.

### **The World**

Families and celebrations will be our big focus. We will also be looking at how things change eg. Ice, Seasons etc.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated in February and we will be completing an activity to look at change there too.

### **Physical Development**

We will be focussing on throwing and catching a range of objects (Gross Motor), drawing lines and circles using a tripod grip (Fine Motor) and Fastening our coats (Health and self-care)

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term the children will be exploring colour further and experimenting with different brush strokes when painting.

The children will be looking at acting out roles and stories in play with each other, using their experiences of celebration.

We will learn this half terms Key 5 songs.

### **Our' Place in 'Our' World.**

We will be developing our knowledge of the wider world by looking at what we do with our families and celebrations.

### **Aspiring Entrepreneurs**

As Aspiring Entrepreneurs, we will begin to challenge ourselves to have a go and with the help and support of our friends.

### **Healthy and Happy Living**

We will continue to use our outdoor area to learn and grow. We will look at developing friendships through our play and

### **Inquisitive Investigators**

We will develop our questioning minds by looking at how things change by adding another ingredient or heat.

### **Important information to remember:**

- Week 1: Back to school, Week 2: New Starters stagger start, Week 3: New starters full hours, Week 4: Safer Internet Day, Week 5: School Growth Mindset Week
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day clearly labelled with their name.
- Please ensure your child has a **NAMED** pair of wellington boots in Nursery and a FULL spare change of clothes at all times (including socks)
- Don't forget to **label all items of clothing**. This includes hats/scarves/gloves/coats, shoes etc and helps us to get missing items back to you.
- Finally, we would like to remind you of a few health and safety points with regards to lunch. All small round foods should be cut in half/quarters eg, tomatoes, grapes etc. Small stones should be removed from fruits. Chocolate bars, sweets and candies should be saved for home—children could have chocolate coated biscuits or buns for an after dinner treat.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your continued support © Team Nursery