



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 2 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot believe we are already half-way through the school year! The children have come a long way since September and we are enjoying watching them as they grow into confident, independent learners.

We have welcomed Mrs Woodward to the Nursery team. She is with us every Tuesday and brings great passion and enthusiasm to our class.

We are beginning this half term with a mini topic on flight. We will then move on to thinking about springtime and all of the changes that this exciting season brings.

We will also be finding out about festivals and celebrations including Purim, Holi, Ramadan, Easter and Mothers' Day. Please let us know if there is anything that you are celebrating as a family, so that we can talk about it at school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Thompson, Mrs Hayford, Miss Hayes, Mrs Martin, Mrs Home and Mrs Harvey

Reminders

PE lessons are on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning.

Please ensure your child comes to school in trainers and joggers/leggings on these days. Please ensure long hair is tied back.



Maths workshop – we are holding maths workshops for parents and carers on Thursday 29th February at 2:30pm and 5:30pm. Please respond to the email if you are planning to attend.

Follow us on Twitter (@HighwoodSchool) where we will be sharing the excellent learning that happens at Highwood.

Communication and Language

We will be using language to ask and answer questions. We will be developing our listening skills as we respond to verbal instructions.



We will be learning lots of new words associated with spring, new life and growth.

Physical Development

We will be building obstacle courses outside and practising our balancing skills.

We will be recognising and writing our own names.

During our PE sessions, we will be following the Real PE scheme, focusing on co-ordination and counter balance.



Home Learning

Please see the home-learning grid for some fun activities you can do at home with your child to consolidate their learning.

Take some time to look at your child's library book together. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

Most importantly – talk to your child about Nursery and all of the new things that they are doing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

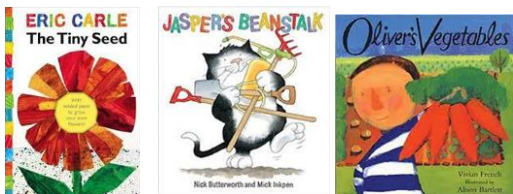
We will explore friendships and what makes a good friend. We will relate this to our golden rules and how we can be a good friend by following the rules.

We will continue with our PSHE programme – Jigsaw. We will be focusing on what we can do to be healthy. This will include hand-washing, tooth brushing, healthy eating and physical activity.



Literacy

The children will be sharing lots of stories and rhymes. Some of our key texts will be:

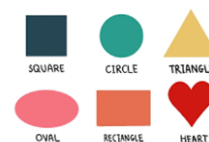


We will be playing lots of games involving oral blending and segmenting. For example, we might play Simon Says but instead of saying the word we would just sound talk "touch your l-e-g, put your hands behind your b-a-ck".

Mathematics

We will be doing lots of practical counting and seeing how the total number changes when objects are added or taken away. We will also be having a go at matching numerals to quantities.

We will be looking at shapes, learning their names and talking about their properties. We will be looking for shapes all around us.



Understanding the World

We will be thinking about different festivals and celebrations including Purim, Holi, Ramadan, Easter and Mothers' Day.



We will be looking at changes in the outdoor area and hopefully seeing some signs of spring. We will be busy planting seeds in the garden and watching them grow.



We will be thinking about the lifecycles of plants and frogs. Hopefully, we will visit the pond and see if we can find any tadpoles.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be transforming our role-play area into a spaceship. We will have lots of fun dressing-up and completing special missions.



We be singing songs about spring time and lifecycles. These will include There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf, Five Little Speckled Frogs and Chick, Chick, Chick, Chick, Chicken.



We will be decorating Easter eggs and painting pictures of flowers and animals for our spring display.

Request for donations

We are always grateful for donations of the following:

- Old birthday cards that we can use for cutting up (we only need the front with the picture on)
- Out of date/unwanted bags of flour that we can use to make play dough
- Cardboard tubes from kitchen roll or wrapping paper (not toilet rolls)
- Buttons, ribbons, milk bottle lids
- Unwanted wooden photo frames
- Seeds, compost, living herbs such as rosemary, thyme, mint, etc.



While being voluntary the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated. From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term. Payments can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this app, please speak to a member of the office team.