



January 2024

Dear Nursery Families,

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

Welcome back to all of our Nursery families. The children have settled back into Nursery life brilliantly and we look forward to a busy, fun and engaging term together.

#### **Our Topics**

Our learning in the first half of this term will be linked to winter and Animals in Cold Lands. We will investigate the winter weather and learn how different animals keep warm in the winter months. We will also find out about animals that live in the colder regions of the world. We will read and retell the story of 'One Snowy Night' and will even meet the character of Percy the Park Keeper! Percy will encourage us to make feeders for the birds to help keep them fed over the winter months. Other stories of the week include 'Cuddly Duddly' and non-fiction books about Polar animals. Just before half term break, we will learn about Chinese New Year and will enjoy a Chinese New Year celebration day!

In the second half of this term, we will be finding out about our bodies and how to keep them healthy. We will celebrate all of the amazing things we can do and will practise being resilient when learning new skills. Just before the Easter break, we will enjoy a spring walk where we will take cameras and clipboards to help record all of the seasonal changes we notice.

#### **Haydn Café**

After the holidays, our home corner will transform into our very own café. As part of this project, we will visit a real café in the local community! Further information will be sent in a separate letter.

#### **Festivals, Seasons and Traditions**

This year, Chinese New Year is on 10<sup>th</sup> February. In Nursery, we will learn about this festival by singing songs, creating art work and reading stories. This will provide us with the opportunity to explore the customs and traditions of Chinese culture. We will also celebrate the spring festivals, Mother's Day and Easter.

#### **Letter Sound of the Week**

Every Monday we will continue to introduce a new letter and its sound to the children. It would be lovely if the children could bring in an object from home to add to our display each week. We will continue to update you each week via our class Dojo page.

#### **Rhyme of the week**

Every week, we will learn rhymes based around our topics and themes. Keep a look out on the notice boards and Class Dojo for our rhyme of the week. Our notice boards also include events to look out for, our class calendar and a Birthday display - these are changed regularly so please do look at them with your child, especially when they have their birthday coming up!

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## **Outdoor Play**

The outdoor area offers so much to children at all times of the year and in all types of weathers. It is an essential and planned area where important learning takes place. The different weathers allow children to do lots of exploring and investigating and they have fun at the same time. As the spring approaches, we plan to develop our wildlife garden area where we can grow different plants to encourage different wildlife into the garden. If there are any parents or carers who have an interest in gardening and could afford to give a little time on a regular basis to work with small groups of children, please let us know. Your help would be most valuable to both us and the children.

Please remember to pack your child with a hat, scarf and gloves in these colder months.

## **Activity Fund**

As agreed at the parents meeting at the start of the year, we have been collecting £10 activity fund money from each family to buy ingredients for food preparation and special art activities. This amount covers the whole Nursery year. Many thanks to the parents and carers who have already sent in their contribution. **A little reminder for any parents who have not yet contributed or have chosen to pay termly that we are now collecting in this term's contribution. We realise that if your child started Nursery after our initial September intake you may not be aware of our activity fund - please talk to your group leader. We thank you in anticipation.**

We look forward to an exciting term ahead. As always, your help at Nursery is very welcome and gratefully received. **Please remember to check the Nursery website for other information throughout the term.**

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Nursery Team