

# Frosterley Nursery Newsletter Spring Term



Welcome back to nursery after the Christmas break. We hope you had a wonderful celebration and are ready for the new year ahead. It is with great pleasure that Mrs Telfer returns as our nursery teacher, with the support of Mrs Vecchio and Mrs Ford. She already knows the children and is looking forward to supporting them in their learning and play. Our topic for the first half of the spring term is 'Explorers' and we will be hooking the children in with a visitor from Forest schools who will help us explore our grounds and set us exciting challenges outdoors. After half term we will be learning about plants and growing in our topic 'Mr Blooms nursery'.

**Daily routine:** Nursery morning sessions begin from 8.50 am and lunchtime collection in 11:50am.

For afternoon sessions please drop off at 1:00pm and collection is from the classroom at between 3:20 and 3:30pm at the end of the day.

Please try to be on time and if you are going to be late please ring school to inform us.

**Reminder:** There is a voluntary contribution of £1 per week to help buy extra resources for Nursery. If you wish to contribute please put your £1 in the Jelly Baby tin on a Monday.

## Home/ School Diary

Please find inside the topic grid for the first half of the Spring term. This is a diary, in which a task will be sent home weekly, to enjoy with your child if you wish. This will be based on your child's current learning. Please also use this diary for sharing your weekend news, drawing pictures or sticking in photographs.

You can still collect 'wow' moment cards for when your child has achieved something new. These will be put into your child's learning journey.

## Nursery Staff Changes

**Mrs Carr**-Head Teacher

**Mrs Simons**- Deputy Head Teacher

**Mrs Telfer**-Nursery Teacher

**Mrs Vecchio**- Nursery Practitioner

**Mrs Ford**- Nursery Practitioner

## How you can help

Some parents have enquired about how they can best support us at home. Well we believe the most important thing is that your child is safe, settled, happy and enjoying coming to nursery. There are some easy things you can do to help your child, many of these things you will already do, however there might be some ideas you had not thought of!

- Sing and tell nursery rhymes with actions.
- On a trip to the supermarket talk about different packaging shapes.
- Talk to your child at every opportunity, for example what are they doing that day? What will they have for lunch.
- Talk about numbers, colours and letters you see when you are out and about.
- Share a book, allowing your child to tell their own story, using the pictures.
- Explore the park at different times of the year-discuss the changes in season.
- Use the weather-shadows, rain, puddles, snow, wind, mist, sun and use these to extend your child's vocabulary and understanding.
- Cook/ bake together allowing them to weigh the ingredients with support and mix together. Notice the changes as the ingredients combine and change during cooking.
- Write about the things you have done with your child in their diary, modelling to them your finger grip and allow them to draw a picture. Allow them to write, be it scribbles, shapes of encouraging them to copy letters from their name. Always be proud of their efforts!

## Wanted!

Any junk model materials to help us with our projects, such as small boxes, tubes and containers.

Any books or materials that could help us with our topic of Polar regions and explorers.

## Date for your diary

Our forest school session will be on the morning of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. All children are welcome to attend even if this is not your normal day. Please speak to Sofia and let her know.

We will also be holding a Nursery coffee morning from 9:00-9:30am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. This will give you a chance to discuss your child's progress with nursery staff and to look at your child's learning journey.

You will be aware that we now have a toilet in our classroom. This makes it much easier for toilet training. We also have reward charts for the children. Please let us know if you need any further support in this area. Please ensure you continue to send spare clothes as accidents do still happen!

If you have any queries do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team. Thank you.