

Spring Term
January 2024



Nursery Parents' Newsletter

Happy New Year from all the Nursery staff. We hope you all had a fantastic, fun filled Christmas and here's to a great New Year!

This newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning.

Our topic is 'Rumble in the Jungle' which will be taught through our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, including the following areas of learning: Religious Education; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Here are just some of the activities that the children will be involved in during this term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

Days to remember:

Music and Movement on **Mondays** (no jewellery to be worn)

PE on **Wednesday** (no jewellery to be worn)



Communication & Literacy:
Learning new songs, for our Mother's day service and Easter Bonnet
Following Verbal Instructions.
Listen to daily Jungle stories with increasing attention and recall
Experimenting with mark making- letter and number formations- Be able to write their names, label pictures or write captions
Role play areas- Jungle Explorers
Labelling animals
Learn New Topic Related Vocab words: Jungle, Swamp, Habitat,

RE:
Christmas
Baptism
Lent
Holy Week
Other faiths

Expressive Arts and Design:
Paper plate snakes
Tropical birds
Learn new jungle songs/ rhymes
Design own animal prints
Use instruments to recreate jungle animal sounds

Staff in Nursery

Mrs Griffiths



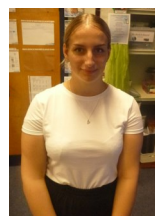
Mrs Dean
Class Teacher



Mrs Miceli
Early Years Practitioner



Miss Jones
Apprentice



PSE:
Know and follow the rules and know why they are important
Elaborate on play ideas and be able to discuss basic emotions.
Ten:Ten



Physical Development
New dances to jungle songs
Jungle obstacle course
Clay/ playdough jungle animals/ mini-beasts
Jungle movement
PE Units- Growing, Minibeasts and Jungle

Mathematics:
Explore the numbers 3-6 (Subitising, 1:1 counting, number recognition and composition of numbers.
Explore shapes including triangles, squares and pentagons.
Height and length
Mass and capacity
Exploring patterns

Understanding the World:
Exploring different jungle animals and learning interesting facts
Look at the different countries jungle animals come from
Chinese New Year
Pancake Day
Seasonal changes in spring
Life cycles of tadpoles, butterflies and chicks
Growing
Easter

What can you do at home?.

- Encourage your child to observe what is going on around and talk about what they have seen, heard, environmental print etc
- Encourage your child to join in with simple nursery rhymes and songs.
- Encourage your child to have a go at getting dressed and undressed.
- Count objects with your children, matching amounts to the numeral. Practise forming numbers
- Talk to your children about the different animals they might find in the jungle to enrich our topic of 'Rumble in the Jungle'.
- Read books and visit the library together so the children will develop an interest in reading.
- Additional activities provided on weekly newsletter



Class Author

'Eric Carle-

We have been reading lots of books throughout the year by this author and completing activities linked to his stories. It would be great if you could share some of these stories together at home. You can find a lot of stories on You tube.

Eric's Stories are fabulous for children to recall his repeated reframes, encourage your child to join in with them also.

The Secret Storyteller

Look out for our Secret Storyteller letter. If you would like to become a secret storyteller this term please do not hesitate to contact myself to arrange a convenient time and date.



Just a reminder.....

- PE kit is a blue polo shirt, maroon shirts and black pumps, this can be kept on the children's pegs.
- All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names please.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE & music and movement days.

Thank you



It would be fantastic if you could send in...

- * A bag that can be kept on your child's peg that contains a change of uniform, and spare socks/ tights and pants.
- * A rain coat and wellingtons that can be kept on your child's peg for rainy and windy days- children always have access to outside.
- * Yoghurt pots that we can use for paint, glue and all things creative!

Thank you



Question or Queries.

If you have any question or queries don't hesitate to contact me for an informal chat or you can make an appointment to see me at the school office. We all want the children to have a very productive, enjoyable year and the best way to ensure this is to nip any 'small' problems in the bud before they become 'big' problems.

Thanks
Nursery Staff