



Hello and welcome to Term 4.

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. This term, as the seasons change, we will begin to learn about spring. We will plant seeds and explore the theme of growth. This term, we have lots of exciting days to celebrate including World book day, St David's day, Mothering Sunday and Red Nose day. We will also celebrate Easter towards the end of term.

We look forward to welcoming back more Nursery children this term. Please remember to stay in touch using the ILD.

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We are hoping for milder weather this term. However, please remember that we spend a lot of our time playing outside so make sure your children are prepared for all weathers. A waterproof and warm coat is essential in Nursery every day as are gloves and a hat in particularly cold weather. Don't forget to label everything.



**Dates for your diary:**

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Willow class are invited to dress up as a book character for World book Day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Cherry class are invited to dress up as a book character for World book Day
- Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day (more information to follow)
- Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March - Easter celebrations (more information to follow)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - End of Term 4

In Nursery, we follow the children's lead and encourage learning through play. We encourage development in the following areas:

**Personal, social and emotional development** - We will continue to learn about our feelings and how to be a good friend. We will learn to share, take turns and play in a small group. We will continue to encourage independence and confidence through special helper responsibilities, free-flow play opportunities and small group circle times.

**Physical development** - During free-flow play, the children will continue to develop gross motor skills by climbing, cycling, scooting and balancing. The children will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills each week through a range of activities and games. We will be encouraging mark making with many different materials within the inside and outside environments. We will enjoy 'Wriggle and Squiggle' sessions to improve our mark making skills and will continue to learn to write our names.

**Communication and Language Development** - We will continue to support the development of listening and attention skills with our weekly bucket time sessions, chatter box circle times and other fun activities. As always your input is invaluable and the children are delighted to see photos and talk about what they do at home. Please continue to share your home adventures with us as it is an invaluable opportunity to practise communication skills.

**Literacy** - Texts for this term will include 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Jasper and the Beanstalk', 'I want my Mum', 'Six little chicks' and 'We're going on an egg hunt'. These stories all have a repeating pattern and a strong sense of rhythm allowing children to key into and develop language. We will encourage the children to recall parts of the stories and to predict what might happen at the end. We will also explore some non-fiction texts to learn about planting sunflowers, beans and life cycles.

**Maths** - We will learn all about the numbers 9 and 10 and will begin to represent number with fingers, making marks on paper or by using pictures or objects. We will sing lots of number songs and spot shapes in the environment.

**Understanding the world** - We will enjoy many more 'Wild walks' during the spring term. We will notice signs of spring, look for signs of new life and notice how the weather is changing. We will celebrate Easter nearer the end of term and talk about growth. *Let us know if you have any tadpoles to donate.*

**Expressive Art and Design** - We will explore colour mixing, enjoy music and movement sessions and will provide lots of opportunities for imaginary play.