

# Nursery Newsletter

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



Dear Families, A very big welcome back to our new year in the Nursery! We have 4 new children that have started with us full time and have settled really well into our Nursery. Thankyou so much to our families for your lovely smiles at drop off!

## Our Topic

Amazing Animals: This term, we will be reading some fiction and non-fiction books based on animals around the world and will be exploring their features, their habitats, their young and the sounds that they make. We will also be exploring rhythm, rhyme and song through some of the stories to build our love for music and books.

Here is our first book for the half term:

1) Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-NLZH\\_HcOw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-NLZH_HcOw)

The children were able explore familiar and repetitive phrases and rhymes and they thoroughly enjoyed sharing this book with friends and teachers. They were singing along to the story and took turns to anticipate which character came next in the book. It was such a fun time getting to identify and label the characters from the story. To extend their knowledge, Nursery were able to talk about and use a range of pronouns e.g.. I, We, He, She, It. Please have a look at the text online and feel free to ask your child questions about the characters in the story to find out what they saw. Here are other things that you can discuss with your child when talking about book:

1. Name the tittle page (front cover) and identify the 'blurb' (back)
2. Name the characters in the story and talk about their features
3. Talk about the setting of the story
4. Repeat the phrases, rhyming words or common words from the book
5. Talk about your favourite part of the story and explain why is it your favourite

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January we celebrated Australia Day with Mrs Cummings and Reception Class and all the children sang along to Bluey. They all learned to say G'day to everyone in their class too! We made fairy bread (bread and butter with sprinkles) and also iced a koala biscuit too! We couldn't wait until home time to devour our delicious treats! Lucky that Mrs Cummings let us all enjoy them in class.



Next week we are celebrating Chinese New Year and children will be making dragon masks and cooking Chinese food.

### What is Happening in Nursery?

<b>Music</b>		<p><b>Every Wednesday</b> The children have been learning new nursery rhymes and songs. They have been taking turns to explore some basic instruments to learn how it is played.</p>
<b>PE</b>		<p><b>Every Wednesday</b> The children have been playing social games focusing on listening and responding to instructions and games that require skills to negotiate space in a safe manner when moving around. They are using vocabulary such as big and small to compare their steps when moving around. They are learning to move in a range of ways e.g. jumping, hopping, balancing, skipping, running, walking...</p>
<b>Portuguese</b>		<p><b>Every Friday</b> The children have been learning a range of Portuguese words through song, action and rhyme.</p>

# Emotional Well-Being Self-Regulation



It is Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'My Voice Matters'. Listen out for what we will be doing in school during the week. You can talk to your child about what games and activities we are doing in class!



## Important Information

**Class Fund** We would be very grateful if you could donate 50p a week to our Nursery fund to enable us to buy resources for cooking, making playdough and gardening as part of our learning experiences.

Thank you in advanced for your kind support!

Mrs Cummings, Ms Lazaroo & Ms Gana  
The Nursery Team

Our website is full of what's happening at our school! Do check it out at <http://www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk/>

