



NURSERY SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term at St. Ursula's Nursery.

This information letter will inform you about the experiences planned for our Nursery children in the Spring term.



Characteristics of Effective Learning

Children will be given the opportunity to develop their Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL). We will provide support and encouragement to ensure that children become creative, adventurous and resilient learners. The CoEL consist of the following and provide the foundations for future learning:

Playing and Exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'.

Active Learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.

Creating and Thinking Critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

Literacy: We will be narrating different stories and acting them out. We will be familiarising with our name cards and will have a go at mark making, writing and drawing. We will be sharing our favourite stories and non-fiction texts including 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs, 'Penguin Small' by Mick Inkpen, 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, plus **Books to Love** collection (We're going on a Bear Hunt, Farmer Duck, Duck in the Truck, Each Peach Pear Plum, The Hungry Caterpillar, Five Minutes Peace, Dear Zoo, Where's my Teddy and Owl Babies). The children will have daily phonics sessions from February, which will help promote children's early reading and writing skills, through the introduction to letter sounds, games and sensory experiences.

Maths: We will have daily sessions which will include: counting - both objects and actions, comparing groups of objects - which has more or fewer; estimating; recognising numerals and ordering objects by length, height or weight, and exploring shapes, patterns by engaging in problem solving.

RE Topics: Celebrating, Gathering and Growing.

P.E Kit: Children are **required to have Velcro trainers** for P.E. sessions each Wednesday.

Home Learning: The children will bring home a book from the class library for you to share with them. The books will be changed on Fridays. Children are expected to bring their book bags daily to put their work in it.

Focus Children: We will continue the 'Focus Children' for the week and we will invite you to have a progress meeting about your child's achievements and next steps. Please complete and return the focus child form at the date stated on the form as we value your input and this will partly form the basis of their focused observations. The children will receive additional support throughout the week and you will be updated on their progress, next steps and ideas on how you can support your child further at home.

Key Dates:

Inset day (School is closed) - 11th February

13th - 19th February - Half Term

Monday 20th February - Children return to school

Friday 31st March - Easter Egg Hunt / Last day of the Spring Term

We are happy to answer any queries at the beginning or end of the school day. We hope that by doing this, little issues can be quickly resolved. Anything that requires further assistance, please book an appointment through the school office.

Sincerely,

Mrs V. Ursache and Nursery Team



Understanding the World

We will be looking for signs of Winter and Spring. We will explore how things work and use our senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.

Physical Development

We will be learning to use different equipment and tools appropriately, safely and carefully. We will encourage children to make healthy choices.

Being Imaginative & Expressive

We will be using different media to explore our own ideas about the world around us. We will encourage children to develop their own ideas.

People and Communities

We will be thinking about what we enjoy doing and what makes us special.

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Areas of Learning



Creating with Materials

We will be using different materials and exploring different textures.

Listening & Attention

We will be developing the children's listening skills by reading longer stories and encouraging them to recount what has happened in the story.

Religious Education

We will learn more about ourselves and develop our religious knowledge through daily prayers. We will continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.

Building Relationships

We will be modelling and discussing the character strengths, such as teamwork and friendship. We will be encouraged to follow the school rules and will develop an understanding of these.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our storytelling skills. We will be using and understanding how and why questions. We will use wider vocabulary to express ourselves in full sentences.

Self-Regulation & Managing Self

We will learn to understand how our actions affect others and how we can work together. We will encourage children to increasingly follow rules and to develop an understanding of why they are important.