

MARCH NEWSLETTER



OUR TOPICS

This month we will continue to learn about books. We will become authors and illustrators by making books, talking about books, retelling stories and discussing what books we like. We will be looking at all kinds of different books like fact books, encyclopaedias, dictionaries, story books, collections of poems and talking about the similarities and differences between them. We will be learning about being a good friend and the importance of being kind as we enter the period of Lent. We will also be learning about Space, and we will have a Space Station set up in the classroom. We will be asking 'Is there really life out there?' as we paint aliens for the wall. We will also begin to look at Spring, a topic which will carry forward into April.



BRIGHT IDEAS



Of course we are going to suggest a visit to the library to link in with our 'Books' topic. In keeping with our Getting Ready to Learn Programme, we also think it is a really good idea to check out the 'Rub a Dub Hub' which is part of the Library's online service.

In February we suggested making a book with your child. We have been making books in school, so they should be experts by now. We would love to see any finished books and read them out to the class. It doesn't have to be a story book; you could make a fact book called 'My Family' and include photographs, or how about a book about shapes? Involve older siblings in the house to help with the writing.

Linking to our 'Space' theme, you could make a rocket using junk materials. For the more adventurous inventors out there, this is a great link to making a rocket that actually launches.

<https://teachbesideme.com/quick-bottle-rockets/>

OBSERVATIONS

This month we will be asking:

- Can the children make models and pictures using their own ideas?
- Talks about the shapes square, triangle, circle, and rectangle whilst making rockets and other models / pictures
- Can the children sort the shapes, button sorting?
- Can each child concentrate on an activity of interest during table top time for 5 / 10 minutes?

COLOURS AND SHAPE OF THE MONTH



Green and Shamrock

Our colour this month is Green as we celebrate our Patron Saint, St Patrick. We will be seeing a lot more green in our environment too as signs of Spring (hopefully!) start to appear. We will be learning about the shape of the shamrock.

Wet Weather

With lots of wet weather recently children are reminded to wear wellies outside, however the children can't resist jumping in puddles, especially on our daily walk. We kindly ask that all children have spare clothes with their names on, to keep them dry and comfortable.

If anyone has spare clothes at home from nursery we ask for these to be returned as our supply is running low.

TERM 2

SNACK

Some children still need to pay their Nursery Fund for term two. This is such an important fund as it covers daily snacks, trips, visitors and invaluable resources within the Nursery. The contribution is twenty-five pounds per term. Thank you in advance.

WORLD

BOOK DAY

World Book Day is **Thursday 5th March 2020**. To link in with our topic of books we would like your child to come into school on this day dressed as their favourite character from a book, and if they would like to bring a copy of the book in (only if you have it...we don't want anyone going to any expense). We will have a fun day talking about their characters and immersing ourselves in all things books!

STAY AND PLAY

As part of our Getting Ready to Learn programme we would like to invite parents to join us in the Nursery to 'stay and play' with their child. This will offer parents the opportunity to see what experiences we provide for the children in the Nursery to promote development. These will be happening over a series of days during March (see attached note).



Happy Birthday to Adam who turns 4 in March.

ACTIVITY BAGS

Reminder to return both book bags and activity bags on a Thursday so they can be rotated throughout the class. We hope you are enjoying both the book bags and activity bags to enhance learning at home with your child. Any feedback on either would be most welcome.

Toys

As much as we have loved learning about the children's favourite toys, teddies and characters, we would kindly ask that children do not bring their own toys into nursery. This is to prevent anything from getting lost or broken. Plus, we have so many things for them to enjoy here in nursery!

DATES TO REMEMBER

5th March- World Book Day

16th March- Green Day (whole school information will follow)

Week beginning 23rd March- Stay and Play dates