



Ellesmere Primary School Nursery

Nursery

News



Welcome to Spring Term 2018

It has been a very busy start to Spring Term 2018. We have welcomed some new children to our Nursery and they are getting to know us, making friends and settling in. We have some exciting things planned over the coming months so here comes our news for January 2018!



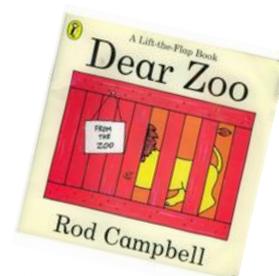
Thank You!

Firstly, can I just say a huge thank you for your very thoughtful Christmas gifts to Nursery staff and also for the very generous donations to Nursery toy fund.

They amounted to £120 which was fantastic. We will be letting you know how we have spent the money over the next few weeks.

Reminder: Theatre Trip – Dear Zoo

Theatre tickets and coach transport are now booked for our trip to Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury on the afternoon of Friday, 9th February, 2018. The cost for the trip will be £13 per child and payment options are now uploaded to ParentPay. Payments should be made by Friday, 19th January so that we can finalise details. Thank you.



Our school PTA and a very generous donation from a parent has subsidized the cost of the travel costs. We are very grateful to them and thank them very much.



Forest School

There will be no Forest School for at least the first half of this term. Our Forest School areas are very wet after the recent rainfall and heavy footfall in these conditions degenerates the Forest floor significantly. We will let you know when sessions will resume.

School Place – September 2018

All Nursery children will move to a Reception Class in a school in September 2018. On-line applications have now closed. If you have not yet applied for a school place, please download the admissions form from Shropshire Council web-site and apply by post.



If you do not have internet access at home we can provide you with an application form. Please call in to our Main School Reception and our Admin team will be able to help you.



For the next two terms our whole school focus will be on developing a love of reading and we ask for parent's help and support in making this a success for all of our Nursery children.

Why?

In the Early Years, encouraging a love of books, stories and reading is crucial to children's development. Sharing books and being read to by an adult results in improved attention span, better concentration, the development of a richer vocabulary, more articulate communication, growth of knowledge and eventually better grammar, writing and spelling. Reading sparks a child's curiosity for places and things, ignites a child's imagination and creativity, supports learning about emotions and morals and develops critical thinking skills as well as providing an escape from a busy life into imaginary worlds. Enjoying books, hearing lots of stories and sharing and talking about books greatly supports children in becoming proficient and enthusiastic readers themselves. It is a vital skill which supports all aspects of your child's education.



How?

We always ensure that our Nursery children hear lots of different stories in Nursery with regular story reading. Our planning for children's learning this term will be very closely focused on developing a love of stories and other types of books, encouraging children to take time out in their Nursery day to choose and look at books independently and to develop talk and build vocabulary as we explore the wonderful imaginary worlds we are transported to through story.

We will also be introducing a range of activities in which families and children can get involved in both at home and at Nursery to support reading for pleasure.

Story-share

Next week we will be providing each child with a special Book Bag. Please join your child in Nursery, if possible, on

Monday, 22nd January, 2018 at 2.15pm

or

Friday, 26th January, 2018 at 9am



to share a story and help your child to personalise and decorate their bag. They will then be able to choose a book from our Nursery library to take home and read. Nursery library books will then be available to exchange as often as your child wishes.

We will also be asking you to sign up to our **"Take Ten Challenge"** where you sign up and make a promise to your child that you will read or share a book with them for at least ten minutes every day.

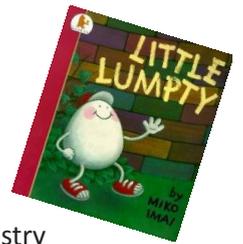
For all those who sign up there will be an opportunity to win a brand new picture book in our Book of the Month draw.

What are we learning this term?



To kick-start the new term and our focus on reading and story, our first few weeks will concentrate on extending favourite Nursery rhymes through story. As you know, our first rhyme has been 'Humpty Dumpty'. We have used this to make up stories about Humpty and extend it to reading the story "Little Lumpty" who followed in his ancestor, Humpty's footsteps and climbed the wall only to be left stranded, unable to get down! We are sure the children will love this story and be able to finish Little Lumpty's story by solving the problem of how to rescue him before he falls!

We have been exploring rhyming words, making puppets and props to re-tell our stories, acting them out and developing our mark-making skills through drawing and writing our ideas. We have investigated why it was not possible to put Humpty back together again using real eggs and done some egg cookery by whisking up the egg whites to make meringues. We have uploaded all of our activities onto your child's Tapestry page, please look at it together and talk to them about what they have been learning.



Our rhyme for next week will be "I'm a Little Teapot" and we will be linking this with the story "The Tiger Who Came to Tea".

"Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and we will be linking this with the stories "Mr Gumpy's Outing" and "Who Sank the Boat?"

At the beginning of February we will introduce the story "Dear Zoo" in readiness for our theatre trip and we may even have some parcels delivered to Nursery! We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year before the half-term break.

We are going to be so busy! All of this alongside allowing lots of time for children to find and develop their own interests and learn through their own self-initiated play.



Ready, Steady, Cook!

With cooking in mind, we would be very grateful for cooking donations for Spring Term. Please hand your donations to a member of Nursery staff with the completed form which is enclosed with this letter. Many thanks. The children always participate in these activities with such excitement, interest and enthusiasm and we are extremely grateful for your support.

Outdoor Clothing

Just a final note to remind you that we do offer the opportunity for children to access the Nursery garden every day. Please ensure that EVERY day they have warm clothing, winter coats and hats so that they are well wrapped up against the weather and able to enjoy being outside.

