

Nursery News Spring 1 Term 2026

Welcome to our very first Nursery newsletter where you will have an insight into all of the learning and fun that has taken place during the last 7 weeks.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children have been continuing to think about sharing resources when playing, considering others ideas and feelings. They have been talking about nursery rules and routines, discussing why it is important to stick to these, to stay safe and to look after their nursery. Children have been encouraged to develop a sense of empathy, showing care and concern for their friends.



Literacy

In Literacy children have enjoyed a range of key stories including Tango Makes Three, Walking Through the Jungle and Handa's Surprise! They have enjoyed learning lots of facts about endangered animals in the jungle and in the UK, by reading non-fiction books. The children have been listening to stories, identifying rhyming words and thinking of their own rhyming words to create a rhyming string. They have been practising putting pencil to paper, through squiggle while you wiggle.



Physical Development

Children have been singing songs that help them to isolate their fingers such as Tommy Thumb, Two Little Birds. In PE sessions they have been travelling in different ways. Outside the rain hasn't dampened our spirits, children have had lots of fun using den building equipment, carrying large blocks, crates and tyres to build and construct and create a dry den as well as jumping in lots of puddles.

Communication and Language

Communication skills, modelling language and introducing new vocabulary is always at the heart of our Nursery curriculum. Children have been sharing news from home by discussing their weekly adventures with Elmer and Gruffalo, speaking in-front of a small group. They have been using newly learned vocabulary linked to animals that live in hot and cold countries. We have been challenging the children by giving them instructions to focus on and follow independently.

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Mathematics

Children have been counting daily, whether it is how many children are in nursery, or rote counting whilst singing, taking about numbers that are more and less. They have been subitising to 5 using 5 frames for registration, noticing how many spaces are full and empty. The children looked at repeating patterns and then created their own repeating pattern snake using coloured pasta.



Expressive Art and Design

This half term the children have helped to plan and set up a role play veterinary surgery and a Chinese restaurant. They have had the opportunity to create their own musical instruments using junk modelling materials, using their instruments to keep a steady beat while singing nursery rhymes. They have followed instructions to bake love heart biscuits, bat biscuits and playdough.

Understanding the World

Children have learned all about jungle/polar animals, their natural habitats, and how we can protect these animals from becoming endangered. They talked about what the birds eat when the weather is frosty, which led to them making bird feeders and hanging them in the nursery garden. Children have looked at pictures of when they were a baby, discussing what they can do now that they are 3 and 4, making comparisons to what a baby can do.

Time to prepare for Spring 2 term

To help your child you could;

Talk about favourite books, looking at the front cover and predicting what the story might be about.

Discuss family traditions for Mother's Day and Easter.

Practise jumping over a line with two feet together.

Mark making for any purpose, including squiggles, zig zags, circles and lines.

