



Nursery Weekly Focus Week Beginning: 22nd January 2024

The children have had another wonderful week and have enjoyed welcoming all the new members to our class.

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new text, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will carry on exploring some of the new language in the book, with a particular focus on the positional language used and character descriptions.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5. We will also practice writing the number 1, 2 3, 4 and 5. We will also learn about positional language and link it to our Literacy text.

In RE, we will begin our new unit 'Baptism - My Name'. We will learn that it is through Baptism we become members of God's family. **With your child, talk about their baptism, if they have been baptised and what its like to be part of a family.**

In Understanding the World, we will explore the melting process through frozen objects.

In Expressive Arts & Design, we will learn about igloos and make paper plate igloos.

Focus words this week: little, red, Baptism, forest, wolf

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Little Red Riding Hood

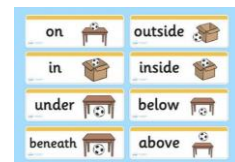


Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday.

Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child. Thank you.

Maths Focus: Positional Language



Can you describe where you put your toys?

Can you describe the way you move around your home?

Rhyme of the Week:

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after

Jack got up, and home did trot
As fast as he could caper
To old Dame Dob, who patched his nob
With vinegar and brown paper

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 13, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will explore some of the positional language words in the book.
- We will practice counting to 5, through nursery rhymes such as '1 2 3 4 5, 'Once I caught a fish alive'
- We will use positional language.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will use our constructions kits to build Grandmas Cottage.
- We will make our own Little Red Riding Hood.
- We will explore the melting process.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will learn that through Baptism we become a part of God's family.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will learn about the Creation Story and how God has made us all with Love.
- We will build dens in our role play area.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin **was Miss Kempson** (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading. You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Important dates

Wednesday 24th January - Stay and Play - 08.45am-09.45am (please tell any parent friends with children aged 2, that may find this useful).

Saturday 27th January - Mass at St Joseph's
Darlston at 4pm - All Welcome

Tuesday 30th January - Maths Parents Workshop (Morning parents at 9am and Afternoon parents 1pm. The session will be 45 minutes approximately)

HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Children return back to school.

Wednesday 28th February - Parents Evening

Friday 8th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Farm on Wheels visiting school

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21st March - One Life Music, whole school retreat

EASTER BREAK - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April