



Nursery Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 15th January 2024

We've had a wonderful first week back. Welcome to all our new children and well done to all the children coming back ready to learn. We look forward to carry on with our exciting learning.

In Literacy this week, we will continue with our new text 'Tiger in the Snow'. 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 verbs (action words). We will also story map part of the story and use it to retell the story.

In Maths this week, we will be practising our counting skills up to 5. We will also practice writing the number 1, 2 3 and 4. We will also learn to compare amounts using the vocabulary many, few, same, least and most.

In RE, we will complete our unit 'Christmas - Mary the Mother of Jesus'. We will recall that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and that Mary is his mother. We will learn the nativity story and use some of our literacy skills to story map it. **With your child, talk about the Nativity story (the birth of Jesus)?**

In Understanding the World, we will explore what happens to nature during the winter season. We will finger paint our own bare snowy tree.

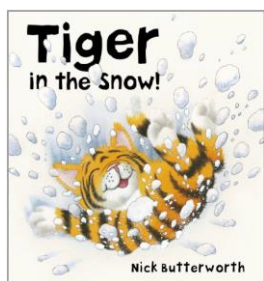
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will learn about what happens to water when it freezes. We will do this through making ice ornaments.

Focus words this week: prancing, bouncing, Nativity, gliding, sliding

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

Focus Story:

Tiger in the
Snow



Maths Focus: Comparing Amounts



Can you see which fruit you have many of?

Can you see which fruit you have few of?

If you have a sibling at home, can you compare who has many or few books?

Rhyme of the Week:

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
round and round,
round and round,

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
all day long.

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish,
swish,

swish, swish, swish
swish, swish, swish

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish,
swish,
all day long.

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.

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.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 12, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'Tiger in the Snow'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will explore some of the verbs (action words) in the book.
- We will story map part of the story.
- We will practice counting to 5, through nursery rhymes such as 'five currant buns'.
- We will compare amounts using the vocabulary many, few
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will use our constructions kits to build an igloo, relating to our new 'Winter' theme.
- We will paint snowy trees.
- We will make ice ornaments.
- 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 Christmas is the time when Jesus was born.
- We will learn that Mary was the mother of Jesus.
- We will learn the Nativity story.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

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.



Wednesday 17th 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 Darlaston 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