



We hope you all enjoyed your first week back at school. Well done to all the children for settling back into class routines quickly. They have played and learnt together well with their friends.

This week, we will continue our new theme of 'Winter'. We will: read and learn our book 'Tiger in the Snow'. This week we will read and learn our new story with a focus on the verbs, words such as bouncing, gliding, zig-zagging and slipping. We will learn the story through actions and role play. We will create story maps of part of this story to help with our own story-telling skills. To reinforce the learning of Winter, we will explore different winter weathers, in particular snow and ice. We will make snowflakes by cutting pieces of paper, we will use sugar paste to recreate snowflakes and we will explore what happens to ice when it melts through ice painting and our tuff trays. We are continuing to learn how to share, wait and take turns when working and playing together. We will be learning to create ABAB patterns, these are repeated patterns such as leaf, stick, leaf, stick.

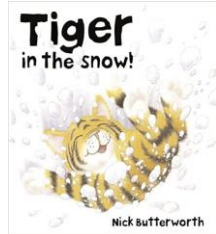
In RE, this week we will continue our new unit of work called 'Christmas - Mary the Mother of Jesus'. We will learn about the Nativity story and that Mary was the mother of Jesus. We will story map the nativity story.

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

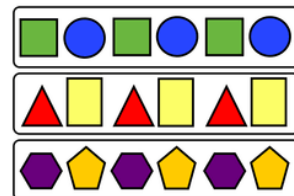
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Tiger in the
Snow



Maths of the Week



Can you use different objects at home or from your garden (lego, bricks, toys, small animals, leaves, sticks) to create an ABAB pattern.

Can you continue a pattern that has already been started?

Rhymes 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 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.

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: 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, I will bring a selection of books up to the gate and if you need to change your book then, you will be able to. However, if it is easier, please put a note in the planner to say your child's book needs changing and we can do that for you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- Explore the story of the 'Nativity', the birth of Jesus and story map it.
- We will read the story 'Tiger in the Snow'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will construct sledges
- We will create ABAB patterns, these are repeated patterns such as leaf, stick, leaf, stick
- We will practice our cutting skills through snowflake cutting.
- We will paint snowflakes using sugar paste
- We will explain what happens when ice melts.
- We will complete some ice painting.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- 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 also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will learn the nursery rhyme, 'The Wheels on the Bus.'

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth (Teacher), Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Mulvaney (Teacher) and Mrs Chambers (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett or Mrs Hinton.

30 hours free childcare

How you can use 30 hours free childcare

You may be able to get 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term time).

If you think your child might be entitled to the 30 hours please use this web address to find out if you eligible.

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

If you need support to apply, speak to Mrs Sheffield in the office or the Nursery staff and we can help.



Tuesday 3rd January - Spring Term begins.

Tuesday 7th February - Nursery Parents Evening - Appointments will be available to book online from this coming week. Please book a slot, as it is so important to discuss your child's progress.

Friday 17th February - Break up for February Half Term

Half Term - Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Invitation for parents to join Nursery for a story time - date to be confirmed