

# Nursery NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term

We hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday - we cannot wait to see the children back again in the New Year.

We have been busy preparing the classroom for our new topic 'Let's Pretend'. Next half term, your child will learn about mythical creatures, pirates, fairies, knights and princesses and many more! They will have lots of exciting opportunities to develop their imagination, creativity and confidence through their play.

## Words of the Week

Every week we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We explore definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to the word and try to use it as often as we can. Please try and use these words at home with your child.

Week 1: Fantasy

Week 2: Enchanting

Week 3: Journey

Week 4: Fairy tale

Week 5: Noble

Week 6: Mythical

Week 7: Joyful

## In maths ...

Each half term we focus our sessions on a particular number to ensure that the children consolidate their understanding of that number. This half term we will focus on the number 3. We will practise counting to 3, comparing groups of objects up to 3 and looking at the composition of the number 3.

We will also begin to focus on shapes and patterns that have 3 in them. We do this by singing songs / rhymes / using a variety of objects.

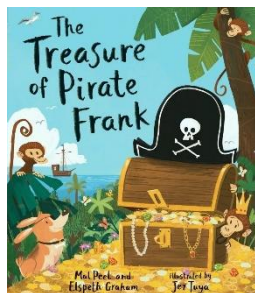
To support your child with number at home you could:

- Count the fruit in the fruit bowl and compare the amounts.
- Find 3 leaves/sticks when out walking.
- Play memory games such as pairs.
- Jigsaws.

## Our Class Book is:

The Treasure of Pirate Frank by Mal Peet

We read a range of books every day in Nursery but this will be the text that we base some of our Literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn about the author and look at other books that are about a similar topic.



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## Phonics and Reading

Next half term we will continue to focus on listening to words that rhyme and listening for alliteration in words.

We will learn how to distinguish between the differences in vocal sounds, explore speech sounds and talk about the different sounds that we can make with our voices.

We will be using 'Fred' more in lessons. Fred is a frog that says sounds e.g. Fred will say c-a-t for the word cat. Please continue to do this at home to support your child. Watch out on Twitter for helpful hints in January.

## Reminders

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing.
- Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day filled with only water – no squash.
- We will continue to use our outdoor space as much as possible, even when the weather inevitably turns colder and wetter. Please remember to send in a pair of wellies and bring a waterproof coat into nursery every day.

Please keep checking Twitter for our latest photographs and updates. As always, if you have any questions please see an adult on the gate.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back to school on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021!

Thank you for your continued support,

Nursery staff