



# Nursery Spring Term

Children have settled well into the nursery routine during the Autumn term and will now be encouraged to build upon their achievements. This term children will have opportunities to consolidate and extend their learning through play and exploration. They will be able to find out more about themselves, about others and the world in which they live. We will also be welcoming new children this term.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

There will be an emphasis on cooperative play, participation and listening to others within small groups. We will continue to stress the importance of caring for our immediate environment.

## Communication and Language

Children are encouraged to listen to others and express themselves in a variety of situations. There will be an emphasis on broadening vocabulary through stories, role play, discussion and topic work.

## Physical Development

Children will continue to have indoor and outdoor opportunities to develop an awareness of the different ways they can move their bodies. There will be a focus on handling tools, including pencils, with increasing control. There are also P.E. sessions; concentrating on space awareness, balance and coordination.

## Literacy

Small group work will focus on a variety of activities which develop a greater awareness of phonemes and word building. Children are learning to recognise their own name by self-registering and by practising the formation of the letters of their name. Children are encouraged to participate in story time by choosing a book, joining in repeated refrains and through discussion. Each family group has a 'library day' when parents are invited to stay a little longer to choose a book with their child. Every opportunity is taken for children to see writing or 'mark making' as a means of communication.

## Mathematics

Children will use counting skills, number recognition and language relating to size, and quantity in group time and everyday situations. There will also be more structured activities involving these skills.

## Understanding the World

Learning journeys will continue as a valuable record of progress and achievement. Your child will be bringing his or her learning journey home at some point in the term. We hope you enjoy looking through the journal and would very much appreciate any photos, pictures or work from home you may wish to contribute. Our topic will be about animals, beginning with animals in cold climates and ending with animals and their young. We will celebrate Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Mother's Day.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to have opportunities to explore a variety of materials and will also have skill based sessions for cutting and sticking, joining etc. They will be able to construct and create in small and big scale activities. Children have opportunities each week to participate in singing

	songs and rhymes, to play and move to music and to engage in role play.
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