

EYES NEWS

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a relaxing half term break.

Our topic this half term is all about exploring things that have happened in the past within our own lives and changes that have happened through time in the environment.

Literacy

This term we will be sharing and retelling memories we have had in our life time and looking closely at how we have changed since being a baby using a range of quality text.

Reception will be following the new 'Pathways to Write' scheme to explore the story 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke. We will be exploring what the Naughty Bus gets up to within the story and practise applying our developing phonics knowledge to write sentences about when the Naughty Bus comes into class!

Maths

Through the 'master the Curriculum Scheme', Nursery are being introduced to numbers 1 and 2. Through hands on activities the children will be learning to recognise when a group shows 1 & 2 and will be practicing subitising those amounts. Reception will be learning about the composition of the numbers 1-5, looking closely at which numbers make up those amounts.

Long Ago!

Understanding the World

This term we are learning about the past, present and future. Throughout the weeks we will be exploring:

- Me as a baby
- When I grow up I want to be...
- My family tree
- Changes in my environment
- Changes in a capital city (London) and...
- Exploring Kings and Queens of the past.

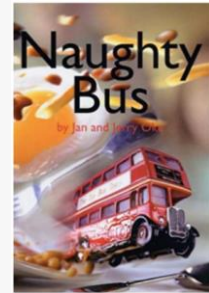
Through looking at the stages that we go through in life, we will be learning all about our bodies and the changes that we go through, such as looking at what we can do now that we couldn't do as a baby.

Expressive Art and Design

This term we will be using art to celebrate the festival season of Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will be learning about traditions that people carry out throughout the festivals, such as creating rangoli patterns with different colours rice. We will be exploring colour mixing and a range of different artistic techniques such as stippling, printing and collage.

Personal, Social and emotional Development

This term we will be celebrating being different. We will be talking about similarities and differences that we might have in our aspirations, our families and our homes.



Our Pathways text will be 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke.

Physical Development

This half term the children will be exploring how to travel in different ways using different equipment. Nursery have P.E on **Thursdays**. Reception have P.E on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E kit or black/white trainers.

Reading- Reception Children

We will hear your child read every week within class through 1:1 reading with the TA or Teacher. Your child should now have a reading log book to take home for you to fill in when they have read at home. We ask that children read every night as we recognise the importance of reading. We will be changing your child's reading book every Friday so please bring your book bag in school.

Phonics **PHONICS**

We have been so pleased with the progression of all the children's phonics skills over the past 6 weeks! They have all developed confidence in hearing initial sounds in words and blending CVC words. We will be moving on to the next phase within both nursery and reception this half term.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask...

Mrs Kolstein, and Miss May

