



Hilderthorpe Nursery Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024



This Half Term

This half term our topic is 'Pattern, Shape and Colour'

In Communication and Language we are listening to story CD's on our CD player, speaking and listening in circle times and taking part in phonics games and activities. We have daily story and singing times and a focus Nursery Rhyme of the week.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we are welcoming our new starters to Nursery, taking turns and thinking about our "Dreams and Goals" in Jigsaw. We will be thinking about special times and celebrations such as Lunar New Year and Pancake Day.

In physical development we are going to be making patterns to music with our bodies and starting to go to the hall for movement sessions. We will be continuing our Dough Disco and "flipper flapper" sessions to build our arm and hand muscles ready for writing whilst also moving to music and using our pens to "squiggle while we wiggle".

Our texts this half term are The Colour Monster, One World Many Colours, Elmer, Animal Spots and Stripes and The Dot. Our traditional tale this half term is Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

In mathematics we are focusing on the numbers 3, 4 and 5. We will look at recognising 3,4,5 objects without counting (subitising). We sing daily maths counting songs and have a focus Nursery rhyme of the week. These are 3 Blind Mice, 3 Little Kittens, 5 Snowmen, 4 Teddy Bears, 5 Fingers. We will be playing with and exploring patterns, shapes and colours through our topic too.

In Understanding the World we are looking for signs of Winter and comparing the changes from Autumn. We will be looking for colours, patterns and shapes in nature and making porridge for Goldilocks.

In Expressive arts and design we will be exploring colour mixing, patterns, looking at the artist Kandinsky and making musical patterns.

We are learning to find our own names, we do this to find our coat pegs and our going home boxes. We are also making marks to represent our names. To promote our school value of Resilience, we are working hard to be independent with putting our own coats on and zipping them up ourselves. Please encourage children to try this at home.

Don't Forget...

PLEASE ensure that children's personal items are named; jumpers, cardigans, coats etc.

(We have lots of children with the same coats!!)

Children should be bringing a water bottle to Nursery with them every day so they can access drinks throughout the day. Please make sure their bottle is named so we can easily return it.

Important Dates

End of Term- Friday 9th February 3.20pm

Spring half-term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February.

(schools closed to pupils on these dates)

School reopens Monday 19th February 2024

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REMINDER- Session times

AM- 8.50-11.50 (Doors open at 8.40)

PM 12.20- 3.20

Full day 8.50-3.20 (Doors open 3.10)

Special Events/Activities/News

We are using Twitter, please follow us on Twitter @HilderthorpeSch to share our activities and celebrate our achievements.

Reminders

Remember to bring a warm and preferably waterproof coat to school every day and hats, gloves and scarves if you wish too, as we enjoy accessing our lovely outdoor area in all weathers.

If children come to school wearing wellies, please can we ask that they bring indoor shoes with them too for their comfort and to keep the classroom clean.

Thank you

