



Hilderthorpe Nursery Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2025



This Half Term

This half term our topic is 'Animals and Their Babies'

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.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we are continuing to develop friendships, taking turns and thinking about our "Dreams and Goals" in Jigsaw.

In physical development we are going to be making patterns to music with our bodies. We will be continuing our Dough Disco and "flipper flapper" sessions to build our arm and hand muscles ready for writing. We use our flipper flappers to move to music and then practice our squiggling in time to music on paper.

Our texts this half term are Farmyard Hullabaloo, Dear Zoo, The Great Pet Sale, Monkey Puzzle and our Traditional Tale of the half term is The Three Little Pigs.

In mathematics we are practising our counting skills and number songs, counting to six, comparing and measuring height, length, mass and capacity. We will be singing our weekly maths songs. These are Sing a Song of Sixpence, I am a Little Bean, 5 Cheeky Monkeys and When Goldilocks Went to the House of the Bears.

In Understanding the World we are looking for signs of Winter and comparing the changes from Autumn as we move into Spring. We will be looking at where we find animals such as jungles, zoos, pet shops and farms. We will be having special visitors into Nursery from a vet and Pets at Home so we can handle some real animals and learn how to take care of them.

In Expressive arts and design we will be exploring animal patterns, making animal masks, learning lots of animal songs and playing instruments to the Carnival of the Animals music.

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. We are working hard to be independent with putting our 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!)

Please always send spare clothes to Nursery with your child. These can remain on their peg in a bag in case of accidents or changing after water play.

Important Dates

Break up for Easter- Friday 4th April

**Back to School- TUESDAY 22 April
(Monday 21st is Bank Holiday Easter Monday)**

REMINDER- Session times

AM- 8.50-11.50 (Doors open from 8.40)
PM 12.20- 3.20 (Doors open from 3.10pm)
Full day 8.50-3.20

Special Events/Activities/News

National World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March and we will be dressing up as our favourite characters or coming to school in pyjamas!

On the 21st of March we also look forward to celebrating 40 years of comic relief by dressing 'red to toe'!

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.

We will gratefully take any donations of spare clothes and wellies to use in Nursery when your child has outgrown them. Thank you

