

### **Tapestry**

Thank you to all who have been regularly updating Tapestry with the wonderful things you do at home with your family, it really is an invaluable learning tool for sharing these moments.

Over the Christmas break please, if you can, upload some of the things you do, places you go and fun times you share together.

### **Christmas 2019**

We have been so proud of the Nursery children's achievements this term and their performances in the Nativity Play were absolutely magical.

After speaking with you all at the recent Parent's Evenings we know that you share these sentiments.

We are really looking forward to 2020 and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

The Nursery Team



### **Weather**

Please continue to keep an eye on the weather and ensure your child comes to Nursery appropriately dressed. We do go outside every day and it is essential your children are ready for this. Please take time to check that names are clearly written in your children's clothes including hats, scarves and gloves.

### **Barry the Bedtime Bear**

It has been wonderful to see how Barry the Bedtime Bear has enthused the children, it's been a great success and after his Christmas break Barry will be back visiting families to share more bedtime stories.



### **Nursery Session Times**

Morning – 8.45-9.45

Afternoon – 12.30-3.30

All Day – 8.45-2.45/3.30

Please ensure you are on time for the beginning and end of sessions.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will continue in the New Year, it's been a fantastic learning opportunity and we really feel the children get so much benefit from these sessions. We have sent out a letter updating the Spring Term sessions, but please see staff if you are unsure about the dates.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

With a new intake in January we will be working on ensuring that the Nursery routines and expectations remain consistent as well as welcoming some new friends.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will explore a range of art activities this half term including Winter Collages, patterns and paint. Through paint we will explore colour mixing as well as using a variety of media to paint with such as ice.

## **Understanding the World**

This will include exploring ice and snow, the children will be able to use their senses to touch and see what happens to ice when it gets warmer as well as problem solving how they can retrieve objects out of the ice if they have become 'frozen'.

# **Winter Wonderland**

Our topic this term is about exploring the Winter and the cold.

We will begin by exploring and looking at ice and snow and the changing states of these elements.

We will also learn about the animals who live in cold places like the Arctic and Antarctic.

## **Physical Development**

During our PE sessions we will be using the gymnastics apparatus to strengthen our core by climbing and travelling in, on and under the different tables and benches. We will also continue to work on independence when dressing and putting on coats, gloves and hats.

## **Mathematics**

We will be practising our 1:1 counting skills this half term as well as our numeral recognition. The children will be able to explore shape and space through a variety of construction activities available.

## **Communication and Language**

This topic will introduce a range of new vocabulary to the children and we will embed this through talk and through focussed sessions of Concept Cat and Nursery Narrative.

## **Literacy**

There are a wide range of books we will be using to support this topic, starting with 'One Snowy Night' a Percy the Park Keeper book. When looking at animals we will be using a range of non-fiction books and the computer to find out more about the animals we encounter.