



THORPEDENE NURSERY SPRING NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

13 MARCH 2024

Welcome to all our new and existing Parents/Carers. The children have settled back into their routine at Nursery and are enjoying all the exciting activities we have in store for them this half term. Our February intakes have also begun to settle in well.

Spring Two - What your child will be learning this term?

As we have started seeing some trees blossoming and daffodils blooming, it tells us that spring is almost here. This half term our topic is Minibeasts/Growth & Decay. We will be learning about various minibeasts we see in our gardens during the spring season. We will also explore how plants, flowers, fruits & vegetables grow, what they need to make them grow and how to care for them. As a class, we will plant our own sunflowers and water cress and observe them grow. The children will also bring home their individual flowers that they have planted at school to look after them at home.

Our books for this half term will be 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', Jack and the beanstalk, Mad about Minibeast and Oliver's Vegetables. You can read these books with your children at home or watch them on YouTube.



WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED IN NURSERY?

- Nappies and wipes (if applicable)
- Spare clothes in a bag (these don't have to be school uniform)
- Labelled water bottle
- Wellies (to be kept in the Nursery for daily use)
- Appropriate coat/shoes for the weather (labelled)
- A healthy snack (Optional) /lunch if your child is attending all day.

We encourage parents to label all their children's belongings.

Nursery Gate

We would like to kindly remind parents to always close the gate behind them for the safety of the children.

The gates will be open at 8.20am for the morning drop off and 12.20pm for afternoon drop offs.

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OUR INSTAGRAM/TWITTER!



Thursday 14th March - 8.30am-9.30am

Please join us at our 'Spring Two' Stay and Play session on Thursday 14th March 2024, between 8.30am-9.30am. This stay and play is dedicated to all mother's/female role models in the children's lives as we celebrate Mother's day. The children are looking forward to decorating cupcakes and have some juice and cake with you. We look forward to seeing you all. Thank you, in advance!

Tapestry

Photos and observations of your child's learning will be added to a secure online Learning Journal website called **Tapestry**. You will receive an e-mail and set up the account using a password. This will allow you to access your child's Learning Journal and add photos/comments. If you are still struggling to get onto tapestry please speak to any Nursery member of staff. Click on the link to access the website. <https://tapestryjournal.com/>



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WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

How can I support my child at home?



In phonics, we learn and practice letter sounds using the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. In the 3 & 4 year-old room, we are learning the phase two sounds (SATPIN). The children will learn a new sound every week, which will help them to recognise sounds and blend them together to form words when they start to read. We would like to involve our Parents/ Carers in supporting their children with phonics at home by using the link below on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCKu-m-8czk&list=PLByInf4b6qQvsCziWw816PVJ7ye7ef9gO>



At Thorpedene Nursery we believe reading is the key to great success. We encourage Parents/Carers to read with their children at least three to five times a week to develop their love for reading. This term, you can read different books about Spring with your children or talk to them about the changes in the weather, look for minibeasts in the garden or at the park. When you are out and about with them, stop and observe the blossoms on the trees and talk about it. Encourage them to plant with you at home or help to tidy up the garden to broaden your child's knowledge about our topic. Please share your child's new interests with us on Tapestry, to enable us to incorporate them into our planning.

Parent Consultation

Please don't forget to book for your child's parent consultation on BromCom.

Ducklings

Dates: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March.

Times: 9am-11.00am & 1:00pm-3:00:pm.

Chicks

Dates: Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March.

Times: 9am-11.00am & 1:00pm-3:00:pm

Nursery Staff

Mrs Odei

Louise (Mrs Kennedy)

Suzanne (Mrs Foster)

Jade (Miss Murfitt)

Anna (Miss Ferola)

Emma (Miss Lawrence)

Chloe (Miss Cosker)

Paige (Miss Bailey)



WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

Easter Bonnet Parade!



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The Easter Hat Parade will be held for Nursery, Reception and KS1 children on 26th of March at 1:30pm - 3.00pm. This will happen on the KS1 playground for Parents/Carers to come and see the children parade in their beautiful hats. We ask for the Easter Hats to be made at home and brought to school by 21st March, so we can ensure that every child will have a hat on the day.

Happy Easter!

We would like to wish all our Parents/Carers a very lovely and relaxing Easter in advance.

We have had some fantastic learning and fun over the past two weeks. We were privileged to have a visit from the Author Rob Parkinson on World Book Day. Enjoy some of our highlights!!

