



Nursery News

Spring Term 2018



We welcomed nine new children into Nursery at the beginning of this term. We now have children who will be going into Reception Classes this September, and also children who will be staying with us after the Summer holiday.

Please ask Nursery Staff if you are unsure when your child is due to start full-time school.

Our topics this half term:

Winter and cold places

We will be finding out about different types of weather, and be making discoveries about animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctic. The children will tell you where penguins and polar bears live!



We will read some big books such as "Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?" and encourage the children to join in with reading them out loud.



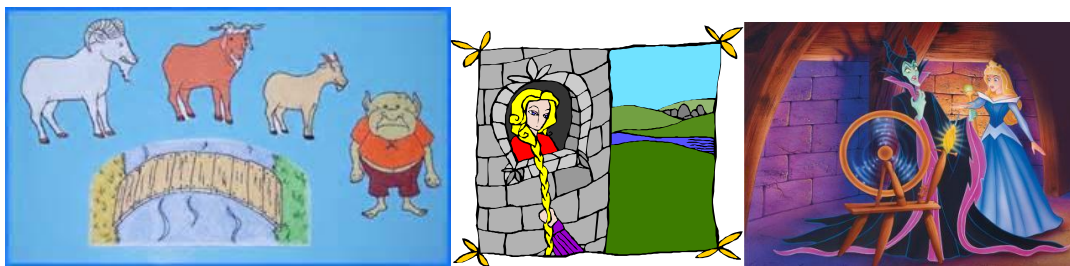
Chinese New Year



In the Chinese calendar, each year is named after an animal. The year is named according to the order in which the animals finished, in a race across a river. The New Year starting on 16th February 2018, will be the year of the dog.

Our activities will include: dramatizing the story of the race across the river; making lanterns and animal masks; performing a dragon dance outside in the playground, with children providing musical accompaniment.

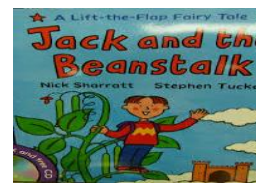
Traditional Tales



Stories will include: *The Gingerbread Man*; *The Frog Prince*; *Rapunzel*; *Sleeping Beauty*; *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*; *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

The children will enjoy listening to the stories and retelling them, using puppets, and dressing up and taking the role of characters from the stories.

The stories can also be re-enacted outside, and we can sing action rhymes such as, "There was a princess long ago."



In Nursery this term we intend to focus on Maths activities, to help the children to count objects accurately, and to recognise numbers.

Staffing

The full-time Nursery Staff are: Mrs. Sugden and Miss Botterill.

Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Kemp are our Lunchtime Supervisors, but also work part-time in Nursery.

REMINDERS:

Please make sure your child has a full set of clothes (including socks!) to change into in case of spills, or accidents. They should be kept in a bag on their lower peg. If you borrow any clothes from Nursery please return them, as we running very low on some items of clothing and we may need to phone you if your child is wet and has no spare clothes.

We play out in all types of weather. When it is very cold, please send your child to school with a warm hat, scarf and gloves (or mittens, if your child struggles putting on gloves).

Everything needs your child's name on it: uniform, coats, hats and wellies. Mark everything clearly and check names regularly as they fade or wash out. Lunchboxes should be named on the outside.

If you are buying your child new shoes, please ensure that they are of a style that they are able to put on and take off by themselves.

Thank you.