



Nursery Weekly Newsletter – 13th January

It has been a great first full week back, seeing the classroom and garden filled with the children's energy and eagerness to play and learn. Our story of the week has inspired lots of conversation around maps and why they are useful. Whilst learning through play this week the children have been keen to play group games such as Dobble and the shopping list game as well as taking care of their pets in the home corner. Other highlights include our first PE lesson and going on a listening walk around the school during phonics.

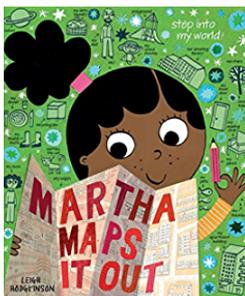
Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school next week as well as a few reminders. As of next week we will no longer be sending out a Nursery newsletter in this format and would like to sign post you to The Buzz which is our new online newsletter which will be shared weekly via ParentHub.

We will be supporting the children in:

- Managing our toileting needs independently
- Learning how to use our words to express our feelings and needs
- Developing our friendships across the Nursery
- Recapping rules and settling back in to routines in our classroom/garden
- Taking responsibility for our belongings and where things belong in our environment
- Learning how to use the Nursery resources and discovering through play and exploration
- Recognising their name independently
- Learning how to resolve conflicts
- Developing strategies to regulate their emotions

Week beginning 16th January

- In maths we will be consolidating our number work focusing on the number one. We will continue to look at the different ways we can represent one such as with a dice, the numeral, our fingers, numicon and representing 1 on a five frame.
- In phonics we are working on sound discrimination through body percussion. The children will play a game where they follow the sound around the circle and take it in turns to copy the sound and pass it on.
- Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV): Children's language development is a key area in our curriculum. We select key vocabulary linked to our learning and story focus to share with the children. For the next two weeks our words will be: map, street, numeral



This week we started our new topic called 'The World Around Us' and have enjoyed beginning to explore 'Martha Maps it Out' by Leigh Hodgkinson. We will continue to explore the book further to build on our learning from this week.



Some important information and reminders:

- **Nursery PE:** Our PE day will be **every Tuesday**. Please ensure your child is wearing black tracksuit bottoms or leggings, their usual red polo top and black trainers. Please also be reminded that children should not be wearing any jewellery around their necks for safety reasons.



Missing Goldilocks and bears: Recently we have lost some brand new wooden toys from our story sack (please see the photo). We know toys can often accidentally end up in pockets whilst children are playing. If you happen to find a mummy bear, baby bear or Goldilocks at home we would be incredibly grateful if they could be returned to the Nursery. Thank you.

- **Reception Applications:** An important reminder that the deadline for the HISN Reception September 2023 applications is 15th January. If you wish for your children to continue their educational journey with HISN, please make sure that you have completed your application by this date.
- **Hand hygiene:** Please spend some time at home reinforcing the importance of hand hygiene with your child and modelling to them how to wash and dry their hands. In addition, please show your child how to cover their mouths when coughing and talk to them about using a tissue when sneezing.



Sensory/messy play resources: The children love sensory and messy play activities and we are often in need of ingredients. If you are happy to donate any of the following we would really appreciate it: water beads, salt, plain flour, vegetable oil, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, shaving foam. Thank you.

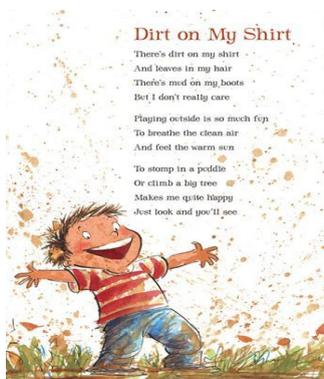
- **Spare change of clothes:** We are running low on the spare clothes we have sent home when children have needed to be changed. Please ensure that they are washed and returned to us as soon as possible. We ask that you keep a spare change of clothes in your child's book bag at all times should we need to use them. Thank you.
- **Zips and gloves:** We have spent lots of time talking to the children about our bee rules recently and particularly about being responsible and believing in ourselves with a positive, 'can do' attitude. Please spend some time at home modelling to your child how to do up their zip on their coat and putting on gloves independently. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their belongings and ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. Thank you.



- **Dropping off and collecting your child:** Please note the times for morning Nursery are 8.30-11.30 and afternoon Nursery times are 12.30-3.30. Please note the main gate will open at 12.30 for the afternoon session, please wait outside until then and do not buzz to come in before that time. Please ensure you arrive promptly and on time as arriving late is unsettling for the children. We ask that you drop your child off at the door and leave promptly afterwards. It can be distressing for children to see parents lingering or watching on. It is also overwhelming for children when lots of adults are standing in the walkway by the nursery door to the classroom. We thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Things to bring to school:

- **Raincoat** - just a little reminder that your child should come to school with a **coat each day** as we are always out in the garden even if it is raining.
- **A pair of wellies** - we ask that each child bring a pair of wellies to school (labelled with their name) which will be left at Nursery so that during the wet months the children have appropriate footwear whilst in the garden.
- **Water bottle** - please make sure these are named and are filled with water only.
- **Red School Book bag** - please make sure these are named.
- **Spare change of clothes:** Please remember to send in a **labelled, spare change of clothes to be kept in your child's book bag**. Providing clothes from home ensures that your child feels more comfortable as the uniform/underwear belongs to them and fits them correctly should they need to be changed.
- **Nursery Amazon wish list:** We have received some resources from our Amazon wish list and would like to say a big THANK YOU to our families for helping us to improve our learning environment. The children have already begun to benefit from the resources you have purchased and we are so incredibly grateful to you for supporting us in improving the children's learning experiences at school. We would love to receive any of the items on our wish list and want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for any purchases you make.
- **Milk list:** At snack time, there is an option for your child to have milk free of charge. If you would like your child to be on the milk list, please go to the 'Cool Milk' website and register your child. If you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>



Play in the Nursery: Play is a fundamental part of our approach to Early Years here at Hampton Infant School and Nursery. We offer the children opportunities to explore, get messy, make, create, move, discover, experiment, talk and more. Our mud kitchen, sand and water provision are popular places in our Nursery and offer a huge range of learning opportunities. Your child's clothing may get wet, dirty or a little messy in the process of learning but it helps to show you what your child has been engaged with and learning whilst at Nursery. We thank you for your support and understanding in this.