



## Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 25th February

Welcome back! This week it has been wonderful to see the Nursery children so excited to see their friends and teachers after their half term holiday. As part of our new topic we began learning all about growing and have learnt about what plants need to grow. The children were delighted to spot signs of new life in the garden as some bulbs have started to flourish. Whilst in the garden the children also went looking for worms after learning that they are good for the soil and that slugs are not.

In phonics we had lots of fun playing a game called 'Bertha Bus goes to the Zoo' where the children had to spot the animals at the zoo beginning with the same sound. Some of the animals Bertha Bus spotted included a polar bear, a penguin and a parrot. The children were so excited to go on another PE adventure on Tuesday travelling through the enchanted forest to get to the magical castle. They had to crawl through the ogre's slimy cave, step on lily pads, jump over logs and balance on bridges as part of the journey to the castle. What a busy week it has been!

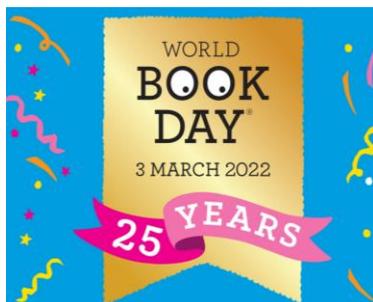
Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to during the first week back after the half term holiday. If you have any questions, please email [office.hisn@hpp.school](mailto:office.hisn@hpp.school) and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

### Week beginning 28th February

- In phonics next week we will continue to learn about alliteration. We will play a game called 'Digging for Treasure' where the children will tune into the initial sounds in words. To support alliteration at home you can play alongside your child and model alliteration for example pretend to be in a cafe, whilst ordering say "Please may I have some juicy jelly or sizzling sausages or chunky chips".
- In maths we will continue to explore the number four and it's composition e.g 3 is a part of me, 1 is a part of me and the whole of me is 4. We will also work on being able to match numerals to the correct quantities.

### We will be supporting the children in:

- Recapping rules and routines in our classroom/garden
- Taking responsibility for our belongings and where things belong in our environment
- Managing our toileting needs independently
- Learning how to use our words to express our feelings and needs
- Developing our friendships across the Nursery
- Recognising their name independently and learning how to write it
- Recognising numerals and different representations of numbers
- Learning how to resolve conflicts
- Developing strategies to regulate their emotions



Our focus for next week is World Book Day and as part of our celebration we will be participating in some exciting activities linked to this. One of the books we will focus on is 'Room on the Broom'. On Wednesday we will have a company called West End in Dance joining us and on Thursday the children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character. We will also be visited by the authors Lucy Reynolds and Jenna Herman on Friday.



**Time to talk:** As we will be celebrating World Book Day next week we thought it would be the perfect time to share with your child your experiences of reading. We encourage you to take a moment to think about books you loved as a child and why you loved them. Talk to your child about your favourite books. This will help them to see the excitement and joy they can get from reading too; it will inspire our budding readers. You may also wish to read a recipe together with your child whilst cooking or stop to read a sign whilst out with your child to show them that opportunities for reading are all around us.

### Some important information and reminders:

#### Change of Pick Up:

- **Please ensure that you email the office and also speak to a member of the Nursery team if your child is being collected by a different adult or going home with another child. This also applies if your child needs to be collected early from school.**
- **We also ask that you ensure the person collecting is old enough to be collecting a child from school.**
- **The children's safety is paramount to us so a member of staff may ask who someone is if we do not recognise them.**
- **Please keep an eye out for your child when they are dismissed and come to greet them when they leave the Nursery premises.**

**Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.**

- **PE kits needed on 2nd March:** Please note that due to World Book Day celebrations next week **our PE lesson will be on Wednesday 2nd March** instead of on Tuesday. On Wednesday the children will take part in a dance workshop in the hall with a company called West End in Schools. This will involve retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man through movement. Our usual PE slot will resume on Tuesday 8th March.
- **World Book Day Dress Up:** On Thursday 3rd March children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please ensure your child's costume enables them to independently manage their toileting and that their footwear is still suitable for outdoor learning.
- **Parent Teacher Consultations:** Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations will be held on Thursday 17th March at 1.00-4.30pm in person and Thursday 24th March at 1.00-4.30pm virtually. The booking system will go **live at 7pm on Monday 28th February** and **closes at 7pm on Friday 11th March**. Please book an appointment to discuss your child's progress and areas for development. Thank you.
- **Gardening resources:** As our next topic will be 'Growing and life cycles' we would like to do some planting and gardening with the children. We would love any donations of the following: small plant pots, compost, seeds, gardening magazines, canes.
- **Spare change of clothes:** Please can all parents send in a labelled, spare change of clothes to be kept in your child's book bag. Unfortunately the spare clothes we have at school are not being returned and therefore when a child needs changing



we do not have the right clothing for them. Providing clothes from home also ensures that the child feels more comfortable as the uniform/underwear actually belongs to them and fits them correctly. Please speak to a member of the Nursery team if needed. Thank you for your support with this.

- **Borrow a Book:** We are so pleased to hear that the children are enjoying our Borrow a Book scheme and continuing to develop a love of reading at home and at school. Please ensure your child returns their book **every Thursday** so that we can provide your child with a new book each Friday. Thank you.
- **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: salt, vegetable oil, food colouring.



**Nursery Amazon Wishlist:** We would like to say **A BIG THANK YOU** to our Nursery families for the items we have received so far from our wishlist. 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. There are a number of other resources left on our wishlist so if you would like to support us further with this please speak to the Nursery class representatives. Thank you.

- **Junk modelling materials:** If you have any of the following junk items we would love to make use of them in the Nursery and recycle them into wonderful models.
  - kitchen roll tubes
  - tin foil boxes
  - toothpaste tubes
  - shoe boxes
  - any other cardboard container (except food packaging)**Please note that we are unable to take any food boxes or wrappers.**
- **End of the day pick up** - We ask that when you are collecting your child you wait along the wall beside the Nursery gate and then move over to the railings when the child you are collecting has been called so that they can clearly see the adult picking them up. This helps us to ensure that the end of session dismissal runs smoothly and the children find their adult with ease.

Please ensure you drop your child off on time at the start of the Nursery session as this is key to helping them settle for the morning/afternoon and is important when helping your child adapt to the Nursery routines.

### Things to bring to school:

- **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 bottles** - please make sure these are named and are filled with water instead of juice. We ask that the children do not put these into their book bags as they may damage any letters, pictures or books which may be inside.
- **Raincoat** - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!).
- **Red School Book bag**

**Please ensure all items listed above are clearly labelled**