



## **Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 25th March**

Another busy week has flown by in the Nursery! It was a week filled with wonderfully sunny days learning outside in the garden and lots of smiling faces as the Kindness Elves delivered the children some letters and presents this week. Each day they have been so excited to come into the classroom to find that the Kindness Elves had left something special for the children. The Kindness Elves have also encouraged us to think about how we can show care and kindness to others. The children loved giving each other compliments, inviting other children to join their play and helping their friends when needed.

Our focus story Oscar and the Frog was a hit with the children; they marvelled at how an egg becomes a tadpole which then grows into a frog. We have been singing Five Little Speckled Frogs and exploring a frog's life cycle in our small world play too. In the creative area the children discovered that bubble wrap printing creates shapes similar to frogspawn. Whilst out in the garden each of the children planted their own bean seeds which we are going to take care of over the next few weeks and watch as they grow and develop. Some other interests this week have been playing snakes and ladders, a fine motor challenge picking up pom poms and matching them to the correct coloured bowl and creating different ramps to explore force and motion.

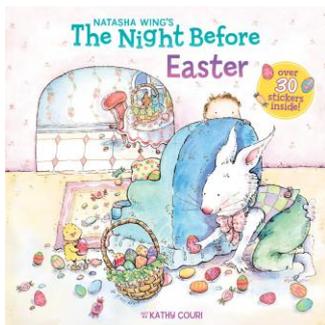
Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to next week along with some additional reminders. If you have any questions, please email [office.hisn@hpp.school](mailto:office.hisn@hpp.school) and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

### **Week beginning 28th March**

- Next week we will be enjoying lots of Easter activities in our last week of the spring term. We will be talking about how Easter is celebrated and inviting the children to share their experiences of Easter. Children will also have the opportunity to get creative with Easter crafts, a numbered egg hunt and some egg-citing egg and spoon races in the garden.
- In maths we will be working on our counting skills and number recognition with some Easter themed maths games. Alongside this we will also recap the composition of numbers 1 to 6 thinking about the part and whole of the numbers for example 4 is a part of me, 2 is a part of me and the whole of me is 6.

### **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



Next week our focus story will be 'The Night Before Easter' by Kathy Couri which explores how families celebrate Easter and the magic of the Easter Bunny. We will also read 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt'.

**Time to talk:** As the Easter holiday is approaching we thought it may be an opportunity to talk with your child about what they may enjoy doing during the holidays. Ideas might include a spring walk to spot flowers and insects, some Easter baking or reading a book in the park.

### Some important information and reminders:

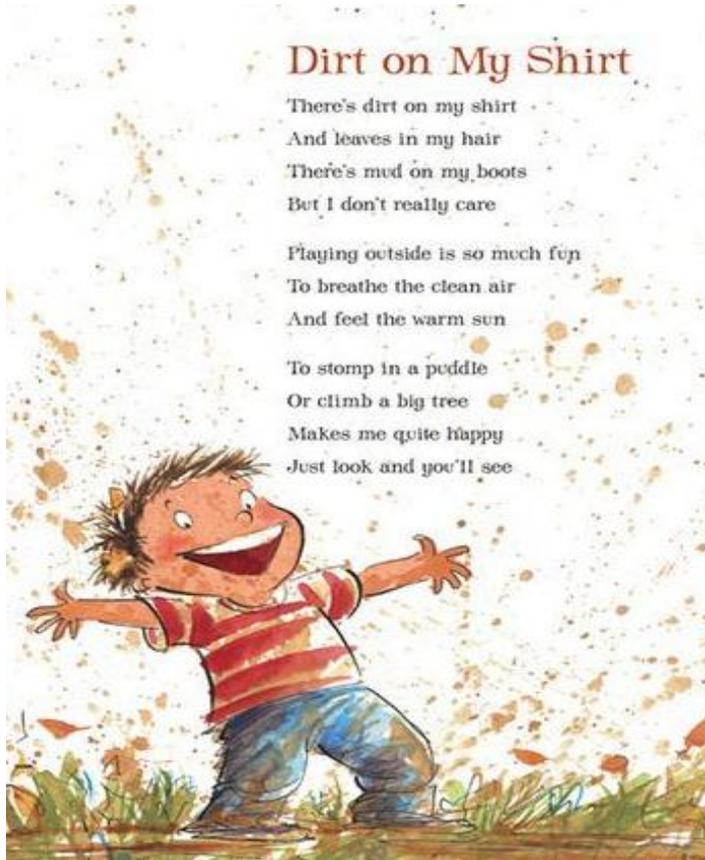
#### **Change of Pick Up:**

- 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.

- **End of term:** Please note that Nursery **finishes for Easter on Thursday 31st March**. Therefore there will be no school for Nursery children on Friday 1st April.
- **Sensory/messy play resources:** Playdough is a regular part of our Nursery provision and we are currently in need of the following: salt, vegetable oil, food colouring. If you are happy to donate any of the above we would really appreciate it. Thank you.
- **PE:** Just a reminder that our Nursery PE sessions are every Tuesday. Please ensure your child is wearing trainers and the appropriate clothing for PE.

**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.

**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.



**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**