



## **Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 6th May**

This week the children have been exploring the ocean as a habitat using our focus story Tiddler. We have learnt about different sea creatures and researched some facts based on the children's questions. Our phonics activity had the children highly engaged as we played with a robot called 'Metal Mike'. The robot needed help identifying different objects then sounding out and blending the phonemes in them such as bus and peg. Other areas of learning which have sparked the children's interest this week include role playing picnics and BBQ's, using magnetic tiles in the construction area, junk modelling and creating flags. If any of our families have any picnic resources which they no longer use we would love to reuse them in the Nursery. We are also on the hunt for a bucket BBQ for the children to play with if anyone is happy to donate one, thank you.

Thank you for uploading photos of your child's home learning to Tapestry, the children have loved showing them in class and hearing about one another's experiences. We welcome photos to be shared on Tapestry for us to continue building upon our home-school connections.

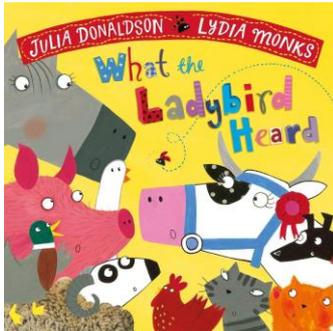
Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to next week along with some additional reminders. If you have any questions, please email [office.hisn@hpp.school](mailto:office.hisn@hpp.school) and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

### **Week beginning 9th May**

- We will continue exploring our new topic all about 'The World Around Us' with a focus on the farmyard.
- In maths we will be moving on to positional language over the next few weeks. We will be using words linked to position and direction. The following vocabulary will be taught: 'in', 'on', 'under', 'up', 'down', 'across', 'in front of', 'behind' and 'on top'. You can support this at home by modelling this language whilst playing or hunting for hidden objects with some prompts for example look behind the cushion or look in the flowerpot.
- In phonics we will be exploring voice sounds. We will work on the children's ability to tune into sounds, listen and remember sounds and talk about them too.
- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: farm, position, map.

### **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 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The story follows a ladybird who overhears Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len planning to steal a fine prize cow. It's the quietest animal of all who saves the day! We will use this story to talk about farms and the animals you might find there. We will also think about using maps and having a go at creating our own maps too.

What are you really good at? What would you like to get better at?

**Time to talk:** An idea this week is for you to talk with your child about their strengths and something they might like to get better at. For example writing my name, helping to tidy up at home or remembering to say please and thank you. Take it in turns to ask the question and model answering in a full sentence.

**Some important information and reminders:**

- **Warm weather:** As the weather starts to improve we ask that every child brings a sunhat to school with them, preferably one which also covers their neck if possible. We spend lots of time out in the garden and want to ensure the children are protected in the sun. Please ensure their hat is clearly labelled. We would also like to remind you that children should bring a labelled bottle of water to Nursery every day, especially during the hotter days.
- **Labelling belongings:** Please be reminded to label all of your child's belongings including cardigans, jumpers, hats and water bottles. We often find that we have items with no name on them and this makes it difficult for us to return them to the correct home. We appreciate your support with this.



**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.

- **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.

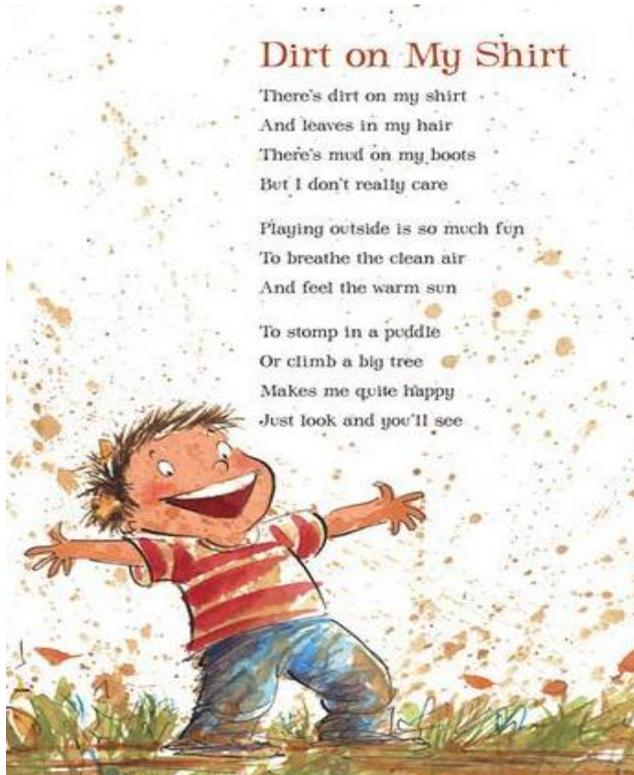
- **Sensory/messy play resources:** We have currently run out of salt and vegetable oil for making playdough. If you are happy to make any donations we would really appreciate it. Thank you.
- **'The World Around Us':** We would really appreciate donations of anything travel related. This could be any of the following: old travel tickets, holiday brochures or old travel books, old sun hats or sunglasses, flags or posters relating to different countries.

### **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:** 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.

- **Borrow a Book:** Just a reminder to please ensure that your child does not put their water bottle into their book bag. A number of our books have returned wet or damaged. Please also

encourage your child to handle their book with care. Books are to be returned **every Thursday** so that we can provide your child with a new book each Friday. 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**