

## Nursery newsletter

**February 2024 (Spring 2)**

Our topic this half term is 'inventions' and we will be finding out more about different types of transport. Our question is 'What does this do? How does this work?'

Children have also been noticing some seasonal changes so we will continue to explore Spring and Easter towards the end of the term.

### How to help at home

We will be practicing self-care skills in Nursery and children are expected to at least **try** and put on their own coats, wellies, socks and shoes. We would appreciate your support to encourage your child to practice these skills at home as it means more time for learning through play in Nursery. We take our shoes and socks off for our PE sessions and children are encouraged to do this independently. Please remember on PE days to remove / put tape over earrings, tie back long hair and try to avoid tights / shoes with laces if possible.

### Our weekly timetable (subject to change).

Monday morning	Tuesday morning	Wednesday morning	Thursday morning	Friday morning
Library (Mrs Drackford)	PE (Mrs Drackford)	Number of the week (Mrs Drackford)	Cooking (Mrs Drackford)	Phase 1 phonics (Mrs Drackford)
Monday afternoon	Tuesday afternoon	Wednesday afternoon	Thursday afternoon	Friday afternoon
Nursery rhymes (Mrs Drackford)	Music (Miss Adams)	EYFS meet up (All EYFS staff)	Talk 4 Writing (Mrs Drackford)	Bikes and physical skills (Mrs Drackford)

\*\*\*\*All EYFS children meet @ 2.45 pm on Wednesday afternoons to share a story / singing etc\*\*\*\*

### Cooking

Thank you to all those who have already donated generously towards our cooking / food tasting funds for this term (Jan-March). The children have really enjoyed cooking and learning new life skills and we will continue these sessions for as long as we can cover the costs using the donations. We have swapped the day of our cooking session (now Thursday mornings) to let as many children as possible have a turn. Children will be taking it in turns to cook in groups so won't necessarily have a turn every week but they will get to eat something or take something home each time we cook.

### **The Curiosity Approach**

We are collecting donations for our role play area. We are using 'real' items such as cups and saucers, which often need replacing due to breakages. We would love the following items in particular:

Cups and saucers / mugs / small side plates / metal or wooden utensils

Old mobile phones / landline phones

Mirrors

Handbags / purses / clutch bags

Scarves / leather gloves

Hairbands / fascinators and hats

Jewellery such as bangles, beaded necklaces, watches

Tablecloths

Vases

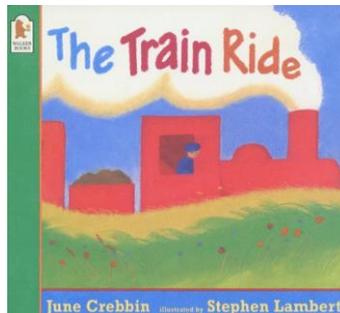
Spare light bulbs for our lamps (any type considered)

Cork / cork backed placemats

We would be very grateful for any donations. Please speak to a member of staff if you have something that you think would be useful for us.

### **Talk 4 Writing**

We will be learning a new story, 'The Train Ride'. Once we are all familiar with the text we will create a story map together to support children in telling the story without needing to read any text. We will share our story map with you on Tapestry when it is complete. Perhaps ask your child to tell you the story using the photo of our story map as a visual prompt.



Many thanks for your continued support.

The Nursery team.