

Welcome back and we are looking forward to getting to know you all !



Celebrating and supporting your child's learning together

We hope you enjoy / will enjoy sharing your child's learning on Tapestry. It is a great way to see what your child has been exploring at Nursery and also please add anything your child loves to do at the moment with family and friends and maybe on days out. We love to see everything you add. We can also discuss any aspects of your child's learning with you through Tapestry as well. If you have any difficulties logging on please ask Jo as you drop your child off at Nursery.

For our 2 year olds your child's key worker will arrange a time to do their 2 year old progress check with you. For our 3 and 4 year olds twice during the year the staff will arrange a learning review week where they observe your child in depth and ask you to share your thoughts about their progress and next steps.

Core books

During your child's time with us we share many fantastic books and you can borrow as many books as you like from our well stocked library. We also have special books which we call 'core books' which the children get to know really well and which we think by sharing regularly the children learn a great deal from. Here is our list of core books.

You may want to add one or two of them to your Christmas present list for your child ?

Core books for our 2 year olds

Lulu loves stories – Anna McQuinn
Owl Babies – Martin Waddell
Brown bear, brown bear – Eric Carle
Where's spot ? – Eric Hill
Five little ducks – Penny Ives
Dear Zoo- Rod Campbell

Core books for our 3 and 4 year olds

Little Rabbit Foo Foo – Michael Rosen
Knock, knock who's there ? – Sally Grindley
Lima's Red Hot Chilli – David Mills
Naughty Bus- Jan Oke
My cat likes to hide in boxes – Eve Sutton
Shark in the park- Nick Sharratt

School Fund



We use our school fund to buy snacks for the children, ingredients for baking and to make a cake when it is their birthday, birthday presents and to subsidise our family trip. We appreciate any donations you can make and you can put them in our post box money box on our Reception desk.

Our small room

After half term we will start offering a few different activities in our small room. (This is the room you can access to the right along our small path and used to be our 2 year old room). We will start a Stay and Play session every week for over 18 month olds. We have lots of other ideas for different community and family activities including coffee mornings, drops ins and family learning. We would love to know what you would like to see in our room for you and your family. Please let us know any ideas you may have.

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning between 8:30am-9:30am Friday 28th September so please pop in for a cake and a coffee. Any donations for Macmillan Cancer Support and of cakes gratefully received.



Unwanted materials..yes please !

We love using any recycled materials to make models, pictures and for all of our creative projects. We would be grateful for any boxes, tubes, pots, buttons, ribbons, offcuts of wood etc. if you have anything hidden away in a shed or garage you think we may use indoors or outdoors please ask us before you throw it away !



Daily Mile

As part of our work in supporting our children's physical development we will restart the Daily Mile after half term which is an initiative to get the children running or jogging for fifteen minutes a day. We go on the Primary School field or playground to do this. We really saw the benefits for the children's fitness levels last year. Please make sure (as is always the case for Nursery) your children wear comfortable shoes or trainers to Nursery everyday. (Please no open toed sandals, crocs, jelly shoes etc. If your child wears wellington boots to Nursery please make sure they also have shoes or trainers to change into on arrival). If you want to come and join us to do the Daily Mile you would be very welcome...you can, run, jog or walk !



<https://thedailymile.co.uk/>



September 2018

Dates for your diary

Christmas Family Craft Night

(Fun for all the family making cards, calendars and gifts)

Thursday 29th Nov 2018 4pm – 5:30pm

Christmas Jumper Week

(Wear your favourite Christmas top or jumper and make a donation to Save the Children)

Monday 10th Dec 2018

Songs around the Christmas Tree

(Come and listen to your child singing some of our favourite Nursery and Christmas songs)

Tue 11th Dec 10:30am

Fri 14th Dec 2:15pm

Parents meetings for our 3 and 4 year olds

(We will arrange appointments with you nearer the time)

Monday 4th March

5pm-6:30pm

Family Trip details coming soon

Spring term (we are researching a different trip this year, much as we love Blackpool Zoo we want to offer a different trip this year !)

Family Picnic at Nursery

1:45-2:45 Last day of term – everyone welcome

Friday 26th July

Term dates 2018-19

Inset days – the nursery is closed on these days for staff training:

- Mon 3 Sept 18
- Mon 29 Jul 19
- Thur 3 Jan 19
- Tues 30 July 19
- Fri 4 Jan 19

Autumn term 2018 part 1: **Tues 4 Sept 18 to Fri 19 Oct 18**

Half term hol: Mon 22 Oct 18 to Fri 26 Oct 18

Autumn term 2018 part 2: **Mon 29 October 18 to Wed 19 Dec**

Christmas break: Thur 20 Dec 18 to Fri 4 Jan 18

Spring term 2019 part 1: **Mon 7 Jan 19 to Fri 15 Feb 19**

Half term hol: Mon 18 Feb 19 to Fri 22 Feb 19

Spring 2019 part 2: **Mon 25 Feb 19 to Fri 5 April 19**

Spring break: Mon 8 April 19 to Mon 22 April 19

Summer term 2019 part 1: **Tues 23rd Apr 18 to Fri 24 May 19**

*** Please note we are closed on May Day bank holiday: Mon 6 May 19 ***

Half term hol: Mon 27 May 19 to Fri 7 Jun 19

Summer term 2019 part 2: **Mon 10 Jun 19 to Fri 26 Jul 18**

