

Nursery Newsletter April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from our Easter break! I hope you have had a lovely time at home with your families and are now looking forward to our term ahead.

Children will bring home a copy of their name to practise on a Friday, we work with your child in school and model how to form and recognise the letters in their name ready for when they move up to reception. Your support in spending time with your child practising is greatly appreciated. Spare sheets are available, speak to anybody in nursery who will be happy to supply these with a pencil if necessary.

What will we be learning?

This spring term we will be focusing on the theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Our learning opportunities will be based around an open question 'What would the world be like if there were no animals?'

The children's experiences and activities in the foundation stage are planned in line with the EYFS guidelines under the seven areas of learning; 'Communication and Language', 'Physical Development', 'Personal, Social and Emotional Development', 'Literacy',

'Mathematics', 'Understanding the World' and 'Expressive Arts and Design'.

Each week we will select a book of the week which will be shared during our group sessions. We also have a rhyme of the week, which will be sent home so you can practise it together with your child.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL



Home Learning Ideas:

- Talk to your child about different animals and their sizes. Which are big animals and which are small? How do you decide?
- Does your child have a favourite animal? Can they explain why? Try and encourage them to think of descriptive words like soft, furry, warm or fierce, scratchy or large.
- Take your child on a walk and see what animals they can spot. How many legs, eyes and ears do they have?
- Count everything?!



Best Wishes, Miss. O'Donovan and the Nursery Team