

Nursery

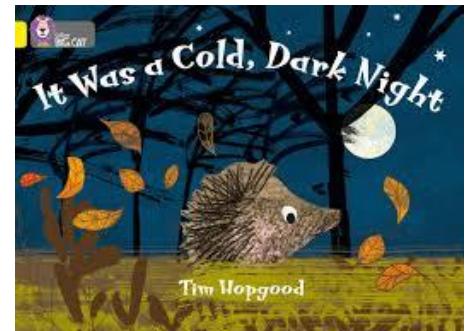
Spring Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a restful break and wish you a happy new year! We are excited to welcome all of our children back into school and begin the new year with lots of exciting opportunities in provision.

This half term our topic is 'Transformations'. We will be exploring the transformations which happen in Winter through our story 'It Was a Cold, Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood. We will be learning about light and dark, the weather in winter and animals that hibernate.

We will also be learning about Lunar New Year and how people celebrate the festival around the world.



Literacy and Phonics

In our Phonics groups we are continuing to build on our listening and attention skills, tuning in to the sounds we can hear around us, and replicating rhythms and rhyme.

We will also be progressing on to learning about a new initial sound each week. We will continue to practice our oral segmenting and blending skills, listening carefully for the sounds we can hear in words and at the beginning of words. Please see the link below for a useful video on how to support your child at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hop3kBoDZJI>

'Stay and Play' sessions

Throughout the year we will be holding a number of 'stay and play' sessions where family members will be invited into Nursery to explore the environment with the children. This will be a great opportunity to join your child in exploring their interests and their favourite activities, and ask any questions you might have. Further information to follow!

Maths

Through daily maths group times, carpet time activities, and during their play the children will be exploring number, pattern and measure over this term.

We will be continuing our learning about number by focusing on numbers 4 and 5. We will be deepening our learning about these numbers, recognising different representations of 4 and 5 and learning about the composition of these numbers.

Later in the half term we will be learning about pattern. We will be looking at different types of patterns and describing what we notice, and also begin to learn about repeating patterns.



