

Reminders

Please remember to name your child's jumpers, cardigans, jackets, coats and hats. Even though your child will wear an apron for creative and water activities, please remember that your child may get messy clothes at Nursery. Please leave a **change of clothes** for your child at school for any accidents, or if they wet their sleeves in the water tray. Please replenish their spare clothes bags with clean clothes when necessary. As it is now Winter please teach your child how to put on and button up or zip up their coats.



You can help your child by talking to them about what they have been doing at nursery during the day.

We are learning to write the first letter of our names using a capital letter. Please support your child with this. We will then move on to write the other letters of their names using lower case letters.

Sing and rhyme any time!

Sing all week to help your child speak.

Anyone can sing - you don't need a thing.

Rhyming together helps reading together.



Reading:

It is really important that you try and read with your child on a daily basis. Book sharing encourages a curiosity about life and an eagerness to learn. Research suggests that children introduced to books at an early age, start school with an advantage that can last throughout their life. You can join Dalston library for free and borrow books. You can also find books on websites like www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home



Punctuality:

Nursery Class starts in the morning at 8.55am, and in the afternoons at 1.00pm. Please make sure that your child arrives on time so that they do not miss the whole class teaching session.

Thank you in anticipation of your support this term.



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Class newsletter Spring Term 2016 Nursery

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Our school theme this term is **The Animal Kingdom**. Nursery Class are learning about different types of animals (mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, fish, insects and arachnids). We are also learning about different animals habitats such as polar regions and rainforests. We will also learn about baby animals, growth and change through animal life cycles.



Understanding the World

We are learning to explore and find out about the world around us and to ask questions about it. We will be learning about animals and where they live. Our role play area will be an igloo, a jungle, a pet shop / veterinary surgery, a spring flower shop and a farm house. We will also observe change through animal lifecycles. We will use the computer to find out about the world around us.



Religious Education

Our RE and festival class topics are Noah's Ark, Chinese New Year and Easter.

We are learning about different cultures and beliefs, focusing on Chinese New Year and Easter.

In the first half term we will be learning about Chinese New Year (and we will have a Chinese home/restaurant role play area) and in the second half term about new life, baby animals and Christian Easter celebrations.



Physical Development

We are learning to move with control and coordination, with confidence, imagination and in safety.

We are learning to use a range of tools and equipment safely. We will learn to hold and use a pencil comfortably, and learn how to cut with scissors. They will also learn how to point, click and drag with the computer 'mouse'.



Expressive Art and Design

We are learning to explore and investigate different natural and made materials. We will be using different materials, exploring colours, textures and shapes to create artwork, including 3D models.

We are learning new songs and making music using percussion instruments. We will act out and make our own animal stories, make music and dance to music. We will use role play to create imaginary situations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are learning how to care for each other and living things.

We will learn to be self-confident, take an interest in things, know what their own needs are and tell the difference between right and wrong.



Literacy, Communication and Language

We are learning to talk confidently and extend our vocabulary enjoying information books, stories, songs and poems. We will be reading lots of stories and rhymes about animals. We will be focusing on activities to promote speaking and listening skills and teaching phonological awareness through rhythm and rhyme, and alliteration.

We will begin to learn the letters of the alphabet and the sounds letters make. We will learn to use a pencil with a secure grip and learn to form the letters in our names.



Mathematics

We are learning to develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and imaginative play. We are learning to recognise and name numbers to at least 10. We are learning to use maths words such as 'more than' or 'less than', 'colour names', and to describe and name simple shapes. We will learn to use mathematical language such as big and small, tall / short, longer / shorter, etc.

