

# Spring 1 Nursery Newsletter

## Galilee to Jerusalem

This term in Nursery RE, the children will learn about God's love and how Jesus cares for everyone. They will hear the story of the Wise Men visiting baby Jesus and learn that Jesus was born for all people.



Through stories of Jesus welcoming and blessing the little children, the children will discover that everyone is special and loved, and that we are called to show love to others just as Jesus did. The children will also be introduced to the Glory Be, a special prayer of praise and thanks to God.

## Maths

In Maths the children are looking at different representation of numbers 1-3. The children will learn to subitise and make collections of objects. They will also learn to match number names to quantities and numerals.

We will be talking about weight and develop an understanding of mathematical language associated to weight. The children will be carrying out experiments that will challenge misconceptions, such as bigger is not always heavier.

## Phonics Phase 1 Early Aspects

At this stage, children develop early phonics skills by building strong listening and attention skills, alongside a love of books and storytelling. We enjoy listening walks, exploring environmental and instrumental sounds, and using body percussion to support memory, turn-taking and concentration. Through questions, discussion, and exploring characters' feelings, children deepen their understanding of stories. This term, we will be focusing on rhythm, rhyme, and alliteration, while continuing to nurture a love of books through story time and role play.

## Design Technology

The children enjoyed baking healthy flapjacks and gingerbread men last term. They were delicious, well done children! We will be doing more cooking in the coming weeks.

## Big Feelings

The children are really enjoying our PSHE sessions and are learning to recognise and name their own feelings, as well as the feelings of others. This week, they especially enjoyed drawing different emotion faces and taking part in an experiment using apples, that showed how kind and unkind words can have an impact, helping them understand how feelings can be affected on the inside as well as the outside.

## Physical

The children take part in daily activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. Squiggle, Finger Gym activities and relaxing play dough exercises. The children will continue to take part in daily Zumba as this supports the children's balance, coordination, concentration and most importantly, it is fun!

## **RSPB Wild Challenge**

This year, Early Years are taking part in an exciting journey focused on exploring and enjoying the natural world. We regularly take part in outdoor and nature-based activities, and we are keen for this learning to be recognised through the RSPB Wild Challenge.

This month, Nursery children will be joining in with the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. Throughout the month, we will be enjoying a range of fun and engaging activities in school to help develop their curiosity about wildlife and the world around them.

If you would like to support this learning at home, we would love you to help your child spot birds in your garden or while out on a local walk. If possible, please take photographs and send them in so your child can share their experience during news time.

## **Chinese New Year**

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year the week beginning 9/2/26 and the first week back after half term. On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations, the children are invited to wear red and gold (yellow) on this day. There will be music, Chinese dragon dancing and a delicious Chinese Banquet.



## **Reminders**

Please bring library books in every **Wednesday** for them to be changed.

Please make sure all clothing items are clearly labelled.

No sweets, nuts or juice in lunch boxes please, water is provided for the children to drink.

## **Requests**

In Nursery we encourage the children to use real life resources such as plates, cups saucers, teapots, pot and pans. If you have any unwanted items at home please would you consider donating them so that we can use them in our Home Area and Mud Kitchen (no plastic items please).

The children enjoy making using recycled materials to make crafts such as cribs. If they wish to bring in any model making items from home such as cereal boxes they are more than welcome.

If you have any questions please speak to Miss, Latus, Mrs Keegan or any of the Early Years Team.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss Latus and Mrs Keegan.