



Nursery Spring Term Newsletter 2019



This newsletter is to tell you all about what will be happening during the Spring Term in Lion cubs Nursery class! The Nursery term have made a flying start and should all be very proud of their achievements last term, we are certainly very proud of them!



Theme



Our new theme for the Spring term is Julia Donaldson. Julia Donaldson is a very popular children's author who has written stories such as The Gruffalo, Stick Man and The Smartest Giant in Town. We will be immersing ourselves in a story curriculum, reading and exploring a new story each week. Through these stories we will have opportunities to take part in activities involving reading, writing, number, measuring, design and technology....the list goes on!

You can find songs, games and activities based on the book 'The Gruffalo' at <http://www.gruffalo.com/>

You can also read some Julia Donaldson books together at home. These are widely available in book shops or in the local library. There are even DVD versions of The Gruffalo, The Gruffalo's Child and Stick Man if you would like to watch these together!



Snack



We will continue to ask for a donation of 50p per week towards our Nursery snack. Your donations allow us to provide a range of snacks to supplement the free fruit and milk received by the school. We try to ensure the children have the opportunity to try a range of tastes, textures and have opportunities to be involved in making their own snack such as buttering toast or crackers. Donations can be given to any member of nursery staff.

Thank you very much for your donations this half term, they are much appreciated.



PE



Our PE sessions will continue to take place on a Thursday in the school hall. Please ensure that your child comes dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear eg: leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers/plimsolls. Please also ensure that earrings are removed before coming to Nursery. We look forward to exploring the large apparatus in the Spring Term.



Phonics



We are learning the sounds s,a,t,p,i, n, m, d this half term.

You can practise these sounds using flash cards, games such as 'eye spy' and by making collections of objects that start with the same sound. For example an 's' collection could contain a sandwich, sweets, sand, socks and sausages!

It is really important that when pronouncing each sound we use the 'purest' sound possible, rather than adding an 'u' sound. For example the 's' sound should be pronounced 'sssss' rather than 'su.'

For the correct pronunciation of the phonic sounds please see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8>

For the jolly phonics songs used to reinforce the sounds please see:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeSR9gR0z_U

For games and activities using letters and sounds please see

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

At home, you could also try writing the letter sounds using finger paints, in shaving foam spread on a tray, in the sand on the beach or with a pencil and paper.



Our Share a song and story sessions will continue each Thursday this term. The time as always will be 11.10-11.25am.

We love to see your 'News from Home' slips, you are always welcome to take these from the entrance area and fill them in. All slips are displayed on our WOW board.

Please remember that we are always happy to listen and help should you have any questions or concerns.