



NH's Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2023

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Your class teacher is : **Miss Hamilton**
Your Early years Educator is : **Miss Sharlette**

Happy New Year everybody! We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term.



Thankyou for your continued support with our Instagram page, **sunnyhill_eyfs**. We love your likes and comments and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to share your children's learning inside and outside the classroom. We now have over 500 followers!

To support our youngest learners with building up a love for reading we allow all Nursery children to select their own reading books. We typically allow the children to change their books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However some very enthusiastic readers request books more often, which we are more than happy to accommodate. Please ensure your child has a book bag or a large enough backpack for the books to fit in without being bent.

Nursery does not have scheduled PE lessons and do not require a PE kit. We do however regularly engage in dance, yoga and exercise videos in class.

Please remember to label all your child's belongings, any lost property is kept on the blue trolley inside the Nursery cloakroom. It is quite common for our Nursery children to need to be changed. All children have accidents at times and we regularly engage in messy play. Please remember to send your child in with 1-2 sets of spare clothing. This does not need to be school uniform but should all also be clearly labeled with their name.

The children are all very active and need to stay hydrated. While we can provide drinks it is preferred that all children bring in a labeled water bottle so that they can freely access it throughout the day.

Our Vision and Values:

- Respect One Another
- Every Individual Matters
- Take Responsibility
- Strive for Excellence
- Try Your Best

Our School rules:

- Show Kindness
- Listen Actively
- Walk Responsibly
- Respect Our Environment



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Important Dates:

TBC Librarian visiting to read a traditional fairy tale to the children.
3.2.23 Rainbow Theatre Company visiting school - EYFS 'Fairy Tales' Show
21.3.23/23.3.23 Parents Evenings
27.3.23 'What a Wonderful World' exhibition - parents invited

Literacy

Spring 1 'Telling a Tale'

We will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man' by Miriam Latimer and Mara Alperin and 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne

Spring 2- 'Sowing a Seed'

We will be reading 'Jack and the beanstalk' by Mara Alperin and Mark Chambers and 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy.

We will continue to support mark making daily and will be practising with the children how to write their names on to their work. In phonics we will continue learning about rhyming words and begin learning about alliteration and how to orally segment and blend words.

Maths

- We will continue practising how to count up to and down from 10 reliably.
- We will be exploring ways in which we can represent numbers including on our fingers, with marks on paper, sand and different mediums along various other methods.
- We will be exploring both 2D and 3D shapes and looking at the similarity of shapes with objects in our environment.
- We will be learning how to work out what is one more and one less than a given number.
- We will be exploring different ways to take and compare measurements.

Spring Term Curriculum

Understanding The World

Spring 1 will focus on looking at the similarities and differences between us, including looking at different cultures, interests and languages spoken.

Spring 2 will be all about growing seeds, looking after them and finding out about different fruits, herbs and vegetables.

Physical development

We will be exploring our physical development through yoga, dance and various exercise videos in class. Also honing our listening and attention skills and working on our ability to follow instructions.

Outside we will be developing our gross motor skills and cooperational skills through catching and tagging games, parachute games and practising our throwing and catching.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring our movement through dance and ring games. We will be making our own gingerbread men using salt dough. We will be exploring traditional Kenyan music linked to our story Handa's surprise. We will be engaging in role play, acting out our favourite parts of our stories. We will also be doing some group projects linked to our stories: making a large 3D model of a beanstalk, creating a paper mache gigantic turnip and using it to record a short film of the story.