



# NH's Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

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Welcome to Nursery H. We hope you had a relaxing summer break. It is wonderful to have all of the children back and we are looking forward to a really exciting year.

Your class teacher is : **Miss Hamilton**

Your Early years Educators are : **Mrs Arya, Miss Ieshia, Miss Clavia (early years educator apprentice)**

**Important Dates: More information about these events will be shared with you nearer to the time**

**Safer Internet Day:** 6th February

**Children's mental health week:** 5-9th February

**Parent/Carer Evenings** - 5th and 7th March

**World Book Day** - 7th March

**STEAM Exhibition** - 26th March

Nursery will engage in a variety of physical activity daily in the outdoor area. We do not have scheduled PE lessons but will engage in regular yoga, exercise and dance in class. Children do not need to wear a PE kit but will need comfortable shoes that they can easily take off and put on, velcro or slip on shoes are best. (Please do not send children to school in shoes with laces).

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 complete sets of spare clothing, including 1 spare pair of shoes. This does not need to be school uniform but should all also be clearly labeled with their name.

- Reading books are available daily from our home reading book box. Children will be given the opportunity to select a book of their choosing. Please read with your child every evening and ask them questions about their favorite part of the story or what they can remember. Please also ensure your child has a book bag or a large enough backpack for the books to fit in without being bent.

We are no longer able to accept party food for birthday celebrations due to serious allergy and dietary issues in Nursery.

## **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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## Literacy

### Spring 1 'Telling a Tale'

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

### 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 and encourage mark making daily. Practising with the children how to recognise the initial sound of their name, as well as mark make their name onto their work. We will

## Maths:

We will continue practising counting independently up to 10 and recognising numerals 0-10.

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 to take and compare*

## 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. We will also be hatching some chicks in class. Learning how to take care of them at each stage and understanding more about their changes over time

## 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 be exploring textures and patterns*

**Phonics:** In phonics this term we will be practising a variety of familiar nursery rhymes, songs and games incorporating rhyming and alliteration. We will be continuing on with learning the letter sounds and practising how to orally segment and blend short cvc words.

**Outdoor games** - We will be developing our gross motor skills and cooperational skills through fundamental movement and invasion based games in all weather