

# Spring news



## Inside the setting

Our current topic is Traditional tales.

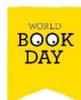
We will focus on stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood and many more. This will lead to many learning intention's throughout our continuous provisions.

Our Letters and Sounds aspect is rhyme and alliteration.

We will be focusing on these so the children gain an early understanding of these building blocks for early reading.

We will be looking at rhyme in stories and songs as well as rhyming games/ activities.

For alliteration we will be focusing on initial sounds and making up silly sentences and names such as silly sausages sizzling or Peter penguin.



## World book day

What a fantastic day we had celebrating our love of stories. The children and staff all looked amazing in their costumes. The children should be bringing home a voucher which have been placed in their trays. we would like to thank you for encouraging their love of stories.



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## Key Dates

**End of term.**

**Thursday 1st April  
2021.**

**Beginning of  
summer term.**

**Tuesday 20th April  
2021.**

**Bank holiday 3rd  
May 2021—Closed.**

**Half term**

**31st May—7th June  
2021.**

**Returning Tuesday  
8th June 2021.**

If you have a  
recognised celebration/  
festival that you would  
like us to acknowledge,  
please let a member of  
the team know.

## Animal topic and country of the month

During last half term we focused on animals where the children learnt about many different animals from different habitats such as woodland, arctic, desert and the jungle. This led to many facts being learnt and shared by the children.

The country of the month was China.

We learnt that it is the year of the Ox and that numbers 1 and 9 are this years lucky numbers.

The children coloured the flag looking at the colours red and gold. We learnt that red is an important colour within China

We celebrated Chinese new year by practicing dragon dancing and making fans and lanterns.

### **Theme days.**

We have had so much fun having a range of themed day's in which the children get to explore a different aspect. During the days we set up activities around these themes and encourage children to explore and develop their understanding of these areas. This year we have had Frost Day on Friday 25th January where the children explored the outside area and learnt about why it gets frost and cold.

Tuesday 23rd February our love and kindness day. We looked at being kind and how we can do this at preschool. The children played many turn taking and sharing games and had a go at explaining what kindness is?

**Our next theme day will be Monday 22nd March Which will be a spring day.**

We will focus on spring and the exciting things that happen during this time from flowers blooming to baby lambs.



## Healthy Eating

As a setting we promote healthy eating and do this through our healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables. We also talk to the children about the importance of eating health and how it good for us and keeps our bodies fit and healthy.



We do ask that snacks be labelled and placed in the snack boxes outside . One for each session so if you are attending all day you will require 2 healthy snacks. Snacks can be a variety of fruit or vegetable. **Please no crisps, cakes or sweets.**

This also relates to packed lunches. Eating habits generally form in the first few years of life, so helping encourage our children to eat nutritious food will help throughout their life.

For healthy ideas for your child's lunchbox, we have come up with some of our own suggestions just encase you are stuck for ideas.

## Lunch box recommendations

- Sandwiches, pasta, wraps, crackers and dips
- Cheese, yoghurt
- Fruit and vegetables such as carrot sticks, pepper slices, apple, banana, oranges etc
- A treat such as crisp, small chocolate biscuit, small cake, oat bar and pop-corn.



## Home Learning

Please look on our website for updated home learning. These are all related to the topics that we are covering in the setting and are updated half termly. These are additional support resources and if you do participate in any we would love to see your work.



## Polite Reminders

Drop off time—9.15—9.45

Pick up 12pm and 1pm

2.45pm—3pm

3.15pm – 3.30pm

We encourage you to come between these times to minimise waiting and to make it easier to follow the social distancing restrictions.

Parking—Please do not park on or block the preschool drive at any time.

We also like to remind you if at any time you need to talk to a member of staff we are available to do so outside or if you wish for a more private conversation we can arrange a phone conversation at a time convenient for you.



We would like to thank you all for your continued support as we continue to follow government guidelines during this pandemic. We would also like to remind you all to please wear a face mask or covering for pick up and drop off and kindly respect the one way system.