Mouse Nursery Class

Spring 2019 Newsletter

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| **Communication & Language****thought_bubble[1]** | Our topic this term is ‘Whatever the Weather’ and within this topic we hope to incorporate the interests of the children as well as the major festivals and celebrations, such as Chinese New Year, Mother’s Day and Easter. We will be looking closely at the changing seasons; during Winter we will be learning about Artic animals and during Spring we will be focusing on growth and change. Our planning has been designed to be as flexible as possible in order to respond to the children’s changing needs and interests.The children will be joining in with familiar rhymes and stories and listening to stories with increasing attention and recall. To help your child at home you could:* Share stories at home with your child and encourage them to join in with repeated refrains.
* Ask questions about the stories you are reading and encourage them to predict what might happen next.
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| **Physical Development**Description: C:\Users\Riley.S\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UHWWETHA\MP900424372[1].jpg | This term we will be continuing to develop fine motor skills by threading, using scissors and play dough. We will be encouraging the children to put on coats, hats and gloves by themselves and begin to fasten coats. We will be moving freely in a variety of ways, both inside and outside. We will be listening to music and moving in response to music. To help your child at home, you could:* Encourage your child to put on their own coats and fasten them up.
* Help with fine motor skills by, building with LEGO and using play dough.
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| **Personal, Social & Emotional Development**Description: C:\Users\Riley.S\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\T54E8BE6\MC900433862[1].png |

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| During the Spring term the children will be showing increasing independence and will be starting to do things by themselves. They will also be encouraged to extend friendship circles and show flexibility when experiencing different events and changes in routine.To help your child at home, you could:* Helping them to be as independent as possible at home by allowing them to complete small tasks around the home.
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| **Literacy**  | During the Spring term your child will be joining in with familiar rhymes and stories. They will be starting to show an interest in print around the classroom, as well as reading their own name during self-registration. They will be continuing to experiment with mark-making by drawing, writing and painting.To help your child at home you could:* Helping them read their own name.
* Pointing out print and signs in the environment, e.g. Morrisons, Aldi or McDonalds.
* Encourage painting, drawing and mark-making at home and ask your child to tell you about what they have drawn or written.
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| **Mathematics** Description: C:\Users\Riley.S\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\E7NMBIK7\MC900286276[1].wmf | We will be learning to count carefully and accurately up to ten objects and show an interest in number problems, e.g. separating a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise the total is the same. Using and exploring 2D and 3D shapes by making shape pictures and using the construction area to build and create.To help your child at home, you could:* Count daily with your child and talk to them about the different numbers you see in the environment, e.g. door numbers, numbers on bus stops.
* Point out different shapes you see in the home.
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| **Understanding the World** Description: C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0305257.wmf | This term we will be talking about significant events in the children’s lives, such as birthdays and Christmas and gain an awareness of the cultures and beliefs of others, e.g. Chinese New Year. The children will be looking at scientific concepts, such as ice melting, shadows and rainbows. They will be also using the Interactive Whiteboard to complete simple ICT programmes.To help your child at home, you could:* Talk to them about the change in weather and explore the local environment, looking carefully at the changes that happen this season.
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| **Expressive Arts & Design** Description: C:\Users\Riley.S\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\0QU0TVRJ\MC900441754[1].png | This term we will be exploring different ways to use paint, e.g. painting on ice and painting using sticks and other natural resources. We will also be engaging in imaginative play, including our new indoor construction area and our ‘Winter Wonderland’ small world area.To help your child at home, you could:* Engage in some imaginative play with your child and encourage them to make up games.
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**Further Information:**

We would like to wish you all a happy new year and a big welcome back to all the children. We would also like to welcome our new nursery friends and we are looking forward to getting to know you all.

The Nursery team consists of Mrs Keeling - the Nursery teacher, Mrs King and Miss Moore - the Senior Early Years Educators. Please feel free to talk to any of the staff if there is ever anything you want to know – we’re here to help!

**Clothing** – Please remember to send in labelled weather/waterproof coat suitable for outdoor play in the cold and wet. If your child has the occasional ‘accident’ it is always a good idea to pack a change of clothes anyway so that they can get themselves changed if necessary. Your child may very well get dirty at school – this is a sign that they have been learning and having fun, so please don’t worry!

**Creative Area** – In our Creative Area your child will have the opportunity to design and make absolutely anything they would like to from household junk. Please collect small cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes (not toilet rolls), small plastic bottles, old greetings cards, washed yoghurt pots and any packaging that might be useful and send into school with your child to be created into future masterpieces! Also, if you have any larger cardboard boxes (big enough for several children to sit in) we would be grateful for those.

**Nursery Fund** – thank you so much to everyone who has remembered to pay their Nursery Fund money already, a weekly £1.50 donation can be made – or if you would prefer you can pay in advance for the whole half term at a time. This money will be used to ensure that we can provide the best opportunities and activities for your child in Nursery and keep resources topped up once original stocks are used up. Every donation is very gratefully received and appreciated. This term we are hoping to cook with the children and have some food and drink tasting (including Hot Chocolate).

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to an exciting and fun year!

The Nursery Team