

Nursery Reception Newsletter

Spring 1st half term 2025

Welcome back! We hope that you all have had a good start to the term. The children are settling back into our routine fantastically. We have lots of new activities in store, focusing on community helpers! Our half-termly Nursery newsletters, Tapestry and our dedicated page on the school website will help you stay up to date, but if you have any specific queries or concerns, then please email us or arrange a mutually convenient time to talk.

Our topic this half term is 'Helping Hands'

Our key Learning Questions are:

- What is a job?
- How do people help us?
- How many hands build a house?
- What is an emergency?
- Who do we call in an emergency?
- Who helps our pets?

Some of our core texts will be:

- Clothesline Clues for Jobs People Do
- Who Works at Night?
- Building a Home
- Emergency! Awesome Engines
- You Can't Call an Elephant in an Emergency
- Mog and the Vet



Pick 'n' mix of things you can do at home to enhance your child's learning around this topic:

- Matching/sorting pairs of clothings, and making patterns.
- Exploring different fabrics and materials including the textures and properties (stretchy, waterproof, soft, silky).
- Recognising the beginning sounds of words and matching them up to the phonemes we already know!
- Thinking about the different clothings people wear .
- Talk and think about your daily routines and the sequence of the daily events.

You can upload photos/videos of any of these activities on Tapestry along with your child's comments.

Meet the Nursery team:

Cairo teacher: Mrs Hallgren

Cairo teaching assistant: Mrs Dean

EYFS Lead: Miss Rimell



Some Nursery Dates for your Diary (Spring Term 1):

5th January: Back to school

23rd January: Big Book Bonanza

5th February: Snuggle with a book

13th February: Last day of term

Useful Information

Workplace uniforms: If you have a job which requires you to wear a uniform, such as a nurse, chef, vet, police or fire officer, then please contact Mrs. Hallgren as we are enjoying learning about different occupations. We would love it if you could send in your uniform, and/or a photo/video of you wearing and talking about your uniform to explain why it is important for your job.

Phonics: We have done a fantastic job practicing and recognizing our phonemes. So far we have learned **m, p, b, n, t, d, h, k, g, f** and **s**. We will update Tapestry each week with the new sounds we are learning. Practising recognising phonemes will support their progress in future reading .

Maths: This half term we are focusing on repetition, sequences, daily routines, position and space of shapes, and subitising numbers 1, 2, and 3!

Things to remember

Each day your child needs to bring to school:

- Named bottle filled with water.
- Book bag (please keep emptying these regularly to help keep our books in their best condition)

In Nursery, we use the outdoors in all weathers so your child needs a warm waterproof coat everyday.

Please remember we use wellies on Mondays and Wednesdays now for Forest school and Welly walks.

Please sit and read at home with your child. The Star Books will be rotated and sent home every week to enjoy.

Children should be starting to learn how to put their coat on by themselves. Could you please support your child with this new skill at home.

Labelling: Just a reminder to please make sure that **ALL** of your child's clothing and possessions are clearly labelled with their name (including uniform, coats, water bottles, hats, book bags, shoes etc.)