

# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring 2019



### A warm welcome back

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled Christmas break. The children have been very excited to tell us all about their holidays. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your continued support, particularly with contributions and your help with the events running up to Christmas.

### Our new topic

Our topic for this half term is called 'Why do you love me so much?'. The topic focuses on ourselves and what makes us special, along with our families and friendships. It is a great opportunity for the children to share things which are personal to themselves such as hobbies, likes and dislikes and special family events and celebrations.



The children will be given their project homework, however this half term we have a little piece of homework for parents too! We have provided a piece of paper in an envelope. With your child in mind, please could you write down an answer to the question, 'Why do you love me so much?'. We will be displaying a lot of the children's work from our topic around Nursery and would love to have your ideas to share with the children too.

### Our targets

Due to the nature of our topic, we will be encouraging lots of speaking and listening and taking turns. We will also be continuing with self-care skills, eg. hand washing and putting on our own coats.

In Phonics we will be working on alliteration and rhyme over the next few weeks. For those children who are ready, we will be beginning some work on recognition of initial sounds.

In Maths, we will be continuing with 1:1 counting and recognition of basic shapes.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Nursery will be taking part along with the rest of school, completing activities with a particular fairy tale theme. The children are welcome to come to Nursery dressed as a character from a book.



### Advice and support

On Friday 25th January, Michaela Thompson, an Early Years practitioner from Middlesbrough Healthy Child team will be visiting Nursery at 12:00pm. She will be available to answer any questions, or to offer advice and support on issues with toilet training, sleep, behaviour and diet.

Please speak to a member of Nursery if you have any issues or areas of concern with your child, or if you feel Michaela could support you in any way.

Thank you.

### Dates to remember

Friday 25th January at 12pm- Visit from Michaela Thompson

Friday 15th February - Valentine's disco

Friday 15th February - Break up for half term

Monday 25th February - Back to school

Friday 1st - Wednesday 6th March - Book fair

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (children to dress up as a book character)

### School closed for children:

Monday 28th January

Tuesday 23rd April (Monday is a bank holiday)

Friday 24th May

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July