



# Cookham Nursery School February 2024 Newsletter

## The Children's Learning

We have been making and eating Popcorn at Nursery! This activity is great fun as well as lending itself to several learning opportunities. The children wrote a message to tell us that they would like some popcorn, which they pinned on our notice board. They made and decorated cones to hold the popcorn and then talked about the changes that popcorn makes when it is heated. Finally, we ate it!



Teaching and Learning this term...

Understanding the World will be a focus over the next 4 weeks as Spring really gets under way and we can notice and talk about all the changes in our garden. This also lends itself to talking about shapes and textures, and subitising numbers. We will also incubate 10 hen's egg and experience the awe and wonder of eggs hatching and chicks growing.

One of our parents is an Osteopath and she will bring in a life size model skeleton! We will learn about the bones in our bodies and talk about what happens when we move our bodies. Keeping healthy by moving will be a key learning objective.

We will continue with our Curriculum Goals, telling and acting out our own stories, using hammers and nails on the woodwork bench, making a bread roll and extending our mark making experiences through posters, letters, tickets and messages.

## Reminders

- Invoices have been sent out for payment of early drop, lunch club and additional sessions for the Spring Term, we would appreciate prompt payment. Please check your emails for details of payment or contact Lisa in the school office.



## Dates for your diary

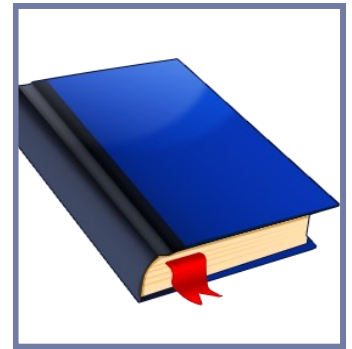
**Wednesday 6th March** Come and Read for World Book Day

**Thursday 28th March** - Break up for Easter holidays. Nursery session finishes at 11.45am. There is no lunch club today.

**Monday 15th April** - Home visits for new children

**Tuesday 16th April** - Visits for new children—Nursery closed

**Wednesday 17th April** - Nursery opens for all children



## Our Mother's Day shop

Next week the children will be choosing a gift from our Mother's Day Shop. Thank you VERY much for all the lovely gifts and £2 donations that you have already brought in. If you haven't already done so, it's not too late! The children will then have a fabulous gift shop to choose from and we can then purchase our 'river stones'.

**Cookham Nursery School Bank Account Details:**

**A/C No: 49388975 Sort Code: 60-13-35**

## Speech Technique of the Month

### Use a variety of words

Your child needs to hear lots of different words before they are able to put together long sentences.

Use a variety of words when you make a com-

Beautiful  
**Pretty**  
Gorgeous

Loud Quietly Noisy Softly

Big  
Huge  
Massive  
Enormous

ment

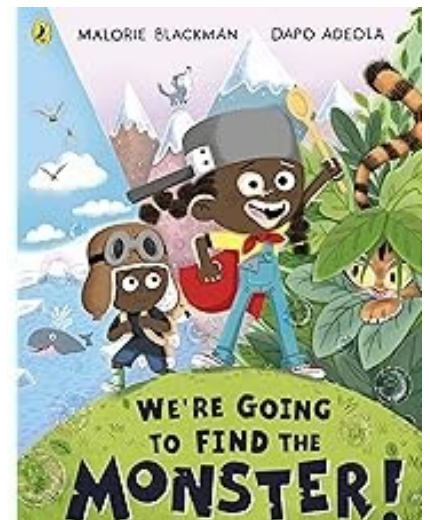
Sad  
*Excited*  
**Lonely**

## Book Recommendation of the Month

### We're Going to Find the Monster! By Malorie Blackman

Two intrepid adventurers need to find the monster. They brave the mountains, oceans, tigers, and eventually come to the monster's lair. Children will take delight in anticipating what is about to happen and realising the narrative can be seen in two different ways.

The illustrations are bright, engaging and inclusive and there's a wonderful repetition to join in with. There's also lots of opportunities for the children to act out certain parts (rowing, climbing, sneaking, roaring like tigers etc) and some great vocabulary to get to know.



## Supporting your child's learning at home — Top tips for songs and rhymes

Songs and rhymes are a key part of the Nursery curriculum as they are soothing, comforting, motivating and exciting. Songs can be to bring people together and create shared enjoyment which are both key factors in learning. We would recommend that you sing, participate in action rhymes and move to music regularly with your child. Benefits include:

- Build healthy and strong relationships and increases feelings of well-being
- Helps children to understand transitions and routines
- Develops attention and listening skills
- Helps develop understanding and expression of language
- Helps children to learn the back and forth nature of conversations
- Finger rhymes help improve fine motor strength and coordination
- Help to develop gross motor skills and when movements involve crossing the mid-line both sides of the brain work together to form new connections
- Rhythm helps to develop math skills



For further information see: <https://www.froebel.org.uk/uploads/documents/FT-Songs->