



Cookham Nursery School Newsletter January 2024

We have been so impressed with how our children have settled into school life after the holiday and we immediately got back into our teaching and learning routines. We welcomed new children and their families to Cookham Nursery School and new children continue to join as they turn three. We are very proud of how mature they have all been at starting somewhere new and all our children have been so kind and friendly, helping to support them in their new setting.



This week we have been following pictorial instructions to make porridge. This is part of our Learning Goal to be able to follow a simple recipe, culminating in making bread rolls independently. This learning slotted in very well with talking about and sequencing Goldilocks and the 3 bears and ordering objects by size. We have continued to practise making up stories using our 'Tales Toolkit' and learning about the brain in order to help our self regulation skills.



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- Please could you let Mrs Greenwood know if you have a skill such as playing an instrument or an interesting job or hobby that you might consider sharing with the children if you have a spare half an hour. We would be so grateful! Thank you in advance.
- Please do ask your child's Key Person if you would like to take your child's Learning Journal home to look at with them. We are always happy for you to add photos from home. The children love looking at it at school and often show their friends and talk about their photos with them. Please return it to school when you have looked at it.
- Please note our INSET day, the Monday after the half term holiday—see below.
- We will send more information about the Mother's Day shop nearer the time, but please hold onto any small unwanted gifts that we could use in our 'shop'! Thank you.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Nursery Closed - half term break

Monday 19th February - INSET day. Nursery is closed today for children.

Tuesday 20th February - Children return to Nursery.

Week beginning 4th March - Mother's Day Shop.

Wednesday 6th March - Parents and Carers 'Come & Read' with the children 08:45am—09:30am or 12:30pm—1:15pm (part of World Book Day activities).

Thursday 28th March - Break up for the Easter holidays. Nursery closes at 11.45am. No lunch club today.



Bad Weather Closures



We always endeavour to keep Cookham Nursery School open, however if the weather is extreme and the site is unsafe we may need to close for health and safety reasons. In the event of bad weather parents should check the RBWM website - www.rbwm.gov.uk, our website - nurseryfederation.co.uk and/or listen to Heart Thames Valley or BBC Radio Berkshire for school closure announcements.

We will send a message via our parent emailing service so please do check for updates.

Our Planned Activities

We have a number of exciting activities planned for after half term. As the children attend different sessions we plan activities over a week so that our curriculum impacts all the children's knowledge and understanding.

Book Week incorporates World Book Day when we will enjoy lots of stories, rhymes, poems and songs together. We will talk about authors and how books are sequenced and we will re-tell and act out stories, extending our conversations and learning new vocabulary. We also hope that you will be able to come in and read stories with the children on the 6th March.

We will have a Maths week incorporating lots of activities about number, patterns, shapes and measures. We will solve mathematical problems, use lots of new vocabulary, compare amounts, shapes and sizes and take part in cooking, involving counting and weighing.

Finally we will look after 10 hen's eggs and wait for them to hatch into chicks!



Our Core Books

Each term we change the books that we read and share regularly with our children so that our texts get progressively longer and more complex. Last term's books are then put into our book boxes in the Nursery environment. The children know these books so well that they choose to look at and 'read' them to themselves and their friends. These are fantastic early reading skills as well as extending conversations and vocabulary.

Here are this term's Core Books.

Peace at Last

In my Heart

The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Julian is a Mermaid

Hairy Maclary

Pete the Cat

Ruby's Worry

How to catch a Star

Goldilocks

The Little Red Hen

