



Welcome to Nursery



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The theme in nursery this half term is 'Traditional Tales.' Our key focus texts are: Goldilocks and the Three Bears; The Three Little Pigs; The Three Billy Goats Gruff; Little Red Riding Hood; The Gingerbread Man and Jack and the Beanstalk.

We have been so busy building houses for the Three Pigs, making porridge for the Three Bears and creating rafts for the Three Billy Goats. We've also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year by taking part in a plate painting workshop.

In phonics, we are learning to hear and say the initial sounds in words and clap out the number syllables (beats). We teach this through daily games, songs and rhymes.

In maths we are looking at the numbers 0-5 in great depth to continue to give our children a greater understanding of number. We are looking at shape, size and ordering as well as positional language.

As a team, we understand how important your child's development is to you and we would encourage you do the following to support your child this term.

- **Communication and Language** - set aside at least 5 minutes each day to talk to your child about their day or maybe something they may have spotted on the way to school. Talk to them about anything they are interested in; toys, books, tv characters. Playing eye spy is a fun game too. Join in with your child's pretend play, letting them lead the play. This will encourage them to be creative and support their language development. Respond to what they are saying and doing rather than asking lots of questions. In doing this you are showing them you are listening and interested, which will increase their language skills and confidence when speaking to adults.
- **Reading and Writing** - Your child will bring a book home every week. This is not a book for them to read independently, but one for you to share and enjoy together. Talk to your child about the different parts of the book, where the text starts etc. What was their favourite part of the book? Can you think about what might happen next? Who is your favourite character? etc If your child is showing an interest in writing then encourage them to write their name by perhaps going over the letters you write for them first and as they gain in confidence, independently.
- **Number Skills** - This term we are looking at numbers from 0-5, you can help by getting your child to recognise numbers in their environment such as on doors, bins, buses, signs etc. How many ways can your child show you a particular number? For example - can your child show you the numeral 3 and three dots on a dice?



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Home Reading Books

We hope you and your child continue to enjoy the home reading books. Please encourage your child to engage with the book more than once. It would be great if your child hears the story read to them lots of times, so they can begin to remember the events and retell the story themselves! Bookbags should be returned on **Monday** so a new book can be issued on **Thursday**.

Supervised Teeth Brushing Consent

If you have not yet returned your child's teeth brushing consent slip, please do so as soon as possible. We hope to start implementing the programme after half term. Please speak to a member of the nursery team if you require another consent form.

Virtual Parent Consultation

Nursery - 15th Feb, 3.30pm - 5pm

Your parent evening sessions are now open to book via the SchoolCloud system. The system allows you to log on and select an appointment time with your child's key-worker. Appointment times are 10 minutes in length. Once you have booked an appointment, you should receive a confirmation email from SchoolCloud and should log onto the system in time for your meeting. SchoolCloud will allow two parents to join the same appointment from separate devices. To do this, one parent makes the appointments, and then invites the other parent to join.

Spare Clothes, Pull-ups and Wipes

Please ensure that your child's name is written in ALL their clothing and other items, including shoes, bags, water bottles and packed lunchboxes so they can be returned to the correct child.

Please note: If your child brings a water bottle to Nursery, this must contain water, not juice.

To support toilet training in nursery, pull ups are preferable to nappies.

Treasure Tokens



At Burnwood, we highly value your input in your child's learning. In recognition of the importance of parental involvement, we would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoys or achieves. It helps us to create a 'well rounded' picture of who your child really is. We will be sending home **'treasured moment slips'** for you to record anything of interest that you'd like us to celebrate in school.

Diary Dates

Dress to Express for Mental Health Awareness—Non uniform day (no charge) - Friday 11th February

Parent Consultations—Tuesday 15th February 3:30 -5:00

Break for Half Term—Friday 18th February

Return to School—Monday 28th February

Name Labels

Please ensure all items of clothing, especially hats, gloves and scarves, are labelled, so any removed items can be returned to their rightful owners.