



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Welcome back Puffins! We hope you've had a restful Easter break and are looking forward to another exciting half term. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge hello to the new children who are just starting Nursery. We are so excited to welcome you to the Puffin class and are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your family over the coming weeks.

Who works in Nursery?

Miss Gunny is the class teacher and our teaching assistant is Miss Sava. Our playworker is Mrs Ali, who the children will meet during the day.



Miss Gunny



Ms Sava



Mrs Ali

Last half term

The children really enjoyed reading 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' and had lots of opportunities to retell the story, as well as make up their own version of the story

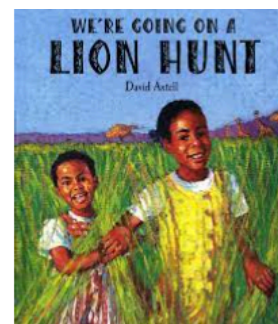
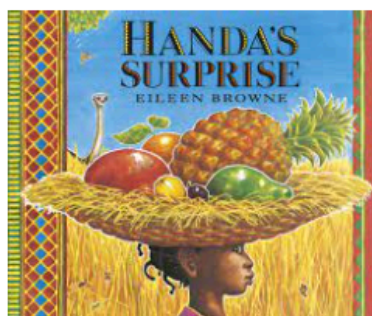
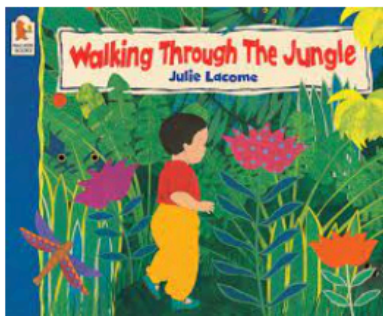
through creating our own story maps. During our own bear hunt around school, the children demonstrated good listening skills and followed instructions to find hidden bears using a map to help them. This also provided lots of opportunity for the children to practise and develop their directional and positional language. In Maths, we began exploring shape, looking at sides and corners. We compared the length and height of different objects around our nursery both inside and outside, using language such as tall, short, long, longer, shorter and taller. We also tried to find objects that were the same size. We celebrated also World Book Day, Ramadan, Eid and Easter.



Finally, as the weather got warmer, the children enjoyed looking for the first signs of Spring and they are excited to go on a second Spring walk this half term, to see what other changes have taken place in the playground and wildlife garden.

This term's theme is "Who Lives Here?"

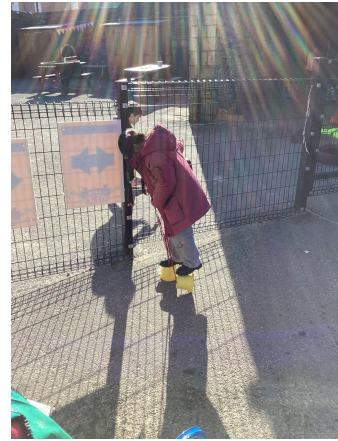
Our key stories for this half term include:



The children will experience a wide range of activities based on these key books, including sequencing the key events from the stories as well as acting them out using props and puppets. They will also have many opportunities to retell the stories in their own words by drawing a story map or by making their own books. Another part of our learning will include finding out about different animals from around the world, comparing where they live and what they look like. The children will also have a chance to design and make homes for the small world animals using a range of resources. We also have some exciting visitors joining us for a few weeks - chicks! We will be exploring how to care for chicks and farm animals, what they eat, where they live and their life cycle.

Playing outside

In Nursery, children are encouraged to spend time in the outside area, whatever the weather! Playing outside has many benefits and is an important part of your child's learning. It will help your child to develop physically, as well as offering a wide range of opportunities to learn about the natural world and develop their social skills.



As we continue to move from Winter into Spring and Summer, the weather remains unpredictable. Please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather and has a bag with spare clothes, in case they get wet. Please label all clothes with your child's name to ensure they can be returned to you.

Family Photos

As we continue to develop our Home Corner, we like to celebrate every family of the children in Nursery!

If you would like, please email in a family photo to be displayed in the children's home corner to enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk.

Healthy lunches

Please remember we are a healthy school and packed lunches should not include chocolate, sweets or sugary drinks. For example, a healthy packed lunch would include a sandwich or pasta salad, fruit, a yoghurt and water. All children will have access to milk, fruit and water throughout the day. If your child is coming to school with fruit such as grapes please ensure these are cut in half so they are safe to eat.

Allergies

We are an allergy aware school.

Please remember NOT to send food which contains any trace of nuts or chickpeas as we have children with severe nut and chickpea allergies.

These items include: all nuts, chickpeas, peanut butter, sesame seeds, Nutella, Kinder Bueno, some crepes and wafers, pesto.

Milk

If you wish your child to have milk at nursery, please register via **www.coolmilk.com**.

Contact Details

Your child's teacher can be contacted via the email below if you have anything you wish to discuss with them.

→ enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk