

NURSERY NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great break and we wish you all the best for the year ahead. Welcome back to the children who attended Puffin class last year and a huge hello to the children who are just starting Nursery. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child better over the coming weeks.



Who works in Nursery?

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



Miss Gunny



Ms Sava



Mrs Ali

Last Term

Last term we had lots of fun learning about different celebrations including Diwali, birthdays and Christmas. Here are some photos showing some of the fun things that we have been doing including making cupcakes, a visit from Martin the Musician, creating Rangoli patterns, making a volcano and not forgetting our festive party!





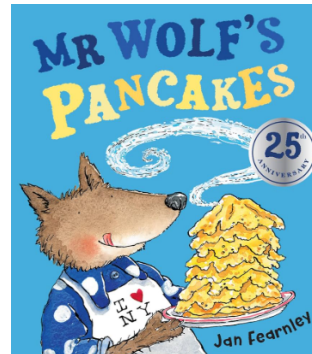
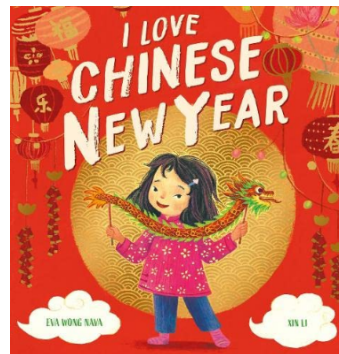
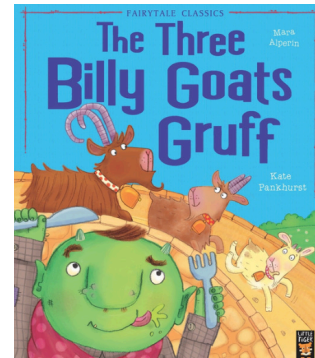
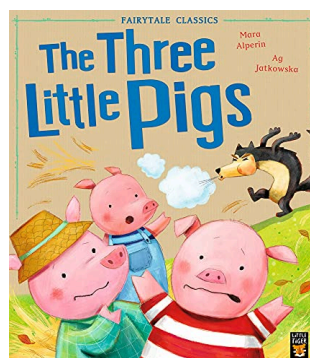
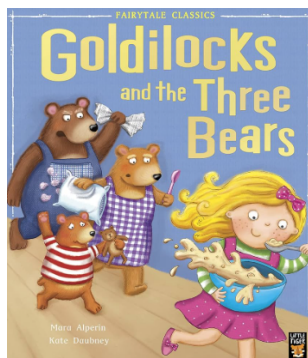
This term's theme is 'What's in a story?'

Over the next few weeks, the children will take part in a wide range of activities and learning experiences based on the traditional tales we are exploring, alongside other well-known stories. The children will enjoy acting out stories in the role-play area, exploring different characters, creating their own books and story maps and making puppets. They will also have opportunities to build houses using a variety of materials, as well as take part in simple cooking activities such as making porridge and turnip soup.

We will also be spending time learning about the different features of a book, including the cover, title and pages and discussing how stories have a beginning, a middle and an end. The children will have opportunities to sequence familiar stories, as well as stories of their own creation.

Towards the end of January, we will be celebrating and welcoming the Lunar New Year.

Our key stories for this half term include:



Playing outside

In Nursery, children are encouraged to spend time in the outdoor area whatever the weather! Outdoor play has many benefits and is an important part of your child's learning. It supports physical development, offers valuable opportunities to explore the natural world, and helps children to develop their social skills.

Please ensure your child comes to Nursery dressed appropriately for the weather and brings a bag with spare clothes in case they get wet or muddy. We kindly ask that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name so that items can be returned to you easily.

If your child needs to borrow clothing from Nursery, please ensure these items are washed and returned to school as soon as possible, as we have a limited supply of spare clothes.



Healthy lunches

Please remember that we are a healthy school, and packed lunches should not include chocolate, sweets or sugary drinks. A healthy packed lunch might 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 brings fruit such as grapes, please ensure they are cut in half to make them safe to eat.

If you provide your child with a lunch that requires the use of a spoon or fork, please ensure the correct cutlery is included in their lunch box.

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.

Please do not include these items: all nuts, chickpeas, peanut butter, sesame seeds, Nutella, Kinder Bueno, some crepes and wafers, pesto, peas, beans, lentils, soybeans, .

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.

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