

Class 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2 ~ 2024

Welcome back to Nursery!

We hope you had a restful half term and are ready for more fun at school. The children settled so quickly in our first half term, and we are especially proud of how well our new starters have fitted into our Nursery family, loving exploring and learning! We are planning lots of fun in the lead up to Christmas, thinking about ourselves and our families, and there are some ideas for supporting your child at home on the back of this letter. If you ever need any



Home learning and WOW stars



We are so thrilled that we have had such a good response to our WOW stars. Thank you for sharing all the children's lovely home learning achievements and proud moments from home. The children love to share their learning and to have their moment in the spotlight, so please keep sending them in!



Christmas...

We will end the half term with some special Christmas festivities!

Early Years Nativity

Our Early Years Nativity will take place on 17th December. There will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9.30am and 2.30pm. You will be sent more information later in the term about tickets for your child's session.

Thursday 19th December will be Christmas jumper day in school, so please send your children to Nursery in a festive top on this day.

Our Nursery Christmas parties will be on Friday 20th December

Children will come to school in their party clothes on their party day.

Children will attend their usual session.



Hats, scarves and gloves

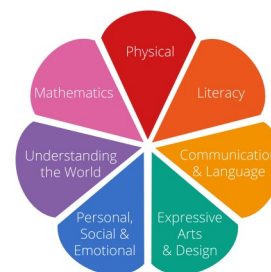
With the cold season approaching, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather as we try to go outdoors every day.

We have some spare hats and gloves and always provide waterproofs and wellies when needed.

**Please remember to put names in every item of your child's clothing. Thank you!*



Every half term, we will share some ways to support your child at home with the 'Prime Areas of Learning' (the skills that underpin everything that we do) , and the vocabulary we will be focussing on. This is just a small selection of possibilities, and we know you will have lots of other fun activities that you enjoy together as a family. Please do share these with us using the WOW stars - it's lovely to hear about the fun from home! If you need any other support, please do let us know.



Communication and Language

*We are working on developing our listening skills— knowing to stop and look at the person who is speaking. We have an elephant who reminds us how to be good listeners— ask your child what they need to remember to be a good listener and encourage them to do this at home too (look at the person speaking, lips closed, ears listening, still hands and feet).

*'What...' is our question focus this half term— answering what questions such as 'What has made you happy today?' or 'What is the little pig using to build his house?' Ask your child other 'what' questions about books they enjoy, games that they play or experiences that they have.

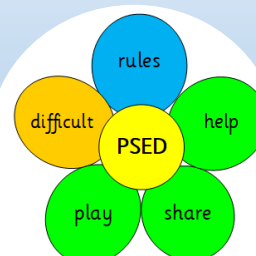


Personal Social and Emotional development

*Play simple games or complete jigsaw puzzles together, taking turns and sharing. Help your child to wait until it is their turn, praising them when they wait.

*We have school rules — which your child knows and follows really well! We also have class rules which we decided on together. Talk about why rules are important and how they help us to share and play more happily.

*Talk about your child's feelings— help them to know when they are happy, sad, proud or frustrated. Talk about how our feelings change when something is difficult and how to deal with this, by asking for help from family, friends or teachers.

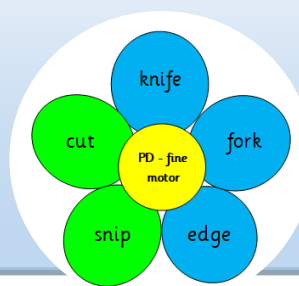
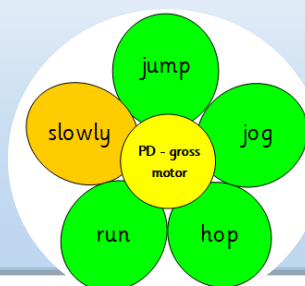


Physical development

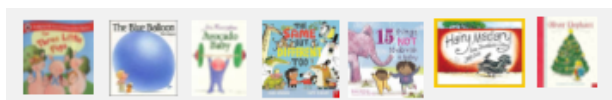
*We are working on moving in different ways with control. It is easy to run, but can you slow it down to a jog? Try jumping on the spot with feet together, jumping forward and backwards. Try two-footed jumping (feet together) around an obstacle without bumping into it! Now try hopping on one leg, keeping your balance! These are tricky challenges, but we know the children are brilliant at having a go because at South Stanley Infant and Nursery, we never give up!

*Our fine motor focus is on developing control with cutlery and a simple way to practice is with play dough! Talk your child through how to hold with the fork and cut with the edge of the knife. Once you have told and showed them, ask them to give you the instructions. We are also practicing at school using play dough and soft fruit, like bananas, to build up hand strength.

*Using safety scissors, help your child to hold the scissors correctly. Then support them to hold paper and snip the edges. Once they have mastered cutting with snips, they can use longer more controlled cuts to cut the paper up themselves.



We will be enjoying new 'book hooks' every week, getting to know our stories really well, joining in repeated refrains, sharing our thoughts about the characters and storylines, and deciding if we would recommend these books to our friends.



If your child has enjoyed one of our book hooks, why not head to South Moor library and see if you can borrow it to enjoy at home.

If your child has a favourite book at home, please share this with us— perhaps we can enjoy it in school too!

You can support your child with Literacy and Maths by listening to your child read 5 times a week and adding comments to your child's reading record, and by completing the weekly challenges.

Please also send your WOW stars to celebrate your child's achievements at home. Thank you!

