



## Nursery Newsletter - February 2025

Wow, the year is flying by so quickly! We are hoping that the weather will start to be more kind to us, so we can spend more time outdoors! We have lots of exciting things planned over the coming months so please keep an eye out on tapestry and our Facebook page.

### **Willows Room:**

Sophie, Sam and Lucy have welcomed some more new faces into the Willows room. It's lovely that we are gaining so many children that are starting off their journey with us as babies, we love watching them flourish through the different rooms, right up until they go to school. They have been busily getting to know their new key children and introducing them to all the fun activities they provide. Building those all-important bonds with the children's key workers and staff are the foundation of the children's learning. The staff continue to use lots of sensory activities to promote the children's senses, this supports their brain and language development, gross motor skills, social interaction and problem-solving skills. We are hoping for some warmer weather too which will lead into their spring topic!

### **Meadows Room:**

Jodie, Hev, Amy and Liz have got various animal themes going on in the Meadows room. The children are loving exploring the farm tuff trays and singing along to animal action songs including Old Macdonald, 5 little ducks and 5 speckled frogs. They have got lots of animal crafts ready for the children to enjoy as well as some messy play where the children will be playing with 'Pigs in Mud' Chatter Matters continues to be a very popular activity in the meadows room with children able to participate on a daily basis. The children will be learning how to beat the drum quiet and loud. We are also looking at making some changes in the meadows outside area so keep a look out for these.

### **Orchards Room:**

Lisa, Jess and Rachel have started off the new half term with the topic 'Transport'. The opportunities which will be provided for the orchard children will include lots of construction activities which will really get the children to use their imagination. They will also be looking at emergency vehicles and 'people who help us'. We have also started our P.E sessions with Luke and his team, he will be joining us on a Thursday morning. Please could you make sure your children have suitable footwear and clothing on this day. We will be celebrating different events throughout the term such as world book day, pancake day and Ramadan.

### **Delta Sports**

At our Preschool site we have recently starting working with a Local sports company called Delta sports, Luke and his team delivers an enriching and stimulating physical curriculum, supporting the children to develop both fine and gross physical skills in a fun way. Our Preschool children have really enjoyed these activities and it has formed part of our transition to school. We are really pleased to say that now Luke and his team have agreed to work with our Orchard room children and provide a fantastic P.E programme. Luke will be in nursery once a week on a Thursday morning.

### **Food**

After discussions with staff we have now decided to offer our hot lunches to children aged from 9 months. If this is something that you would be interested in then please do speak to a member of staff. If your child is in the Willows room and doesn't have a nursery hot lunch then we can now reheat food as long as it is correctly packaged. This means the food will need to be labelled with the date that it was made and the ingredients used. Please remember that we are a nut free setting so anything that contains nuts or nut products will not be allowed in nursery. We are also looking at changing our food charges, from 1<sup>st</sup> March the cost of food will be £4.00, this will only include Breakfast, Lunch and a Pudding. We will then ask that you provide a morning fruit snack and a PM snack.

### **Easter Holidays**

Attached to this newsletter is our Easter booking forms, please could you get the booking forms sent back by the 28<sup>th</sup> March so we are able to staff accordingly. A few of our staff members have opted to go term time only so we may be unable to accept late bookings.

### **Reminders:**

- World book day is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Please bring in your child's favourite book and if they would like to dress up then we would love to see their costumes.
- Please can you make sure that you are dropping off and collecting during your correct session times - It is vitally important that our ratios are maintained at all times so you may be asked to wait if you turn up early and receive a late fee if you are late.
- Please could you provide your child with a named water bottle in nursery

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know

Best Wishes

Claire, Sophie and the Team