



Welcome Back

We hope that you all have had a lovely Christmas! The Nursery team would like to wish you all a very **Happy New Year**. We would also like to say a big *thank you* for all of the lovely Christmas cards and gifts that we received.

Applications for school

Please remember that the closing date for applications for your child's place in Reception is **Tuesday 15th January**. All applications must be completed online before this date.

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you fail to apply before the deadline your child may not be allocated a place in your chosen school.

If you have not yet completed your application please speak to one of the Nursery team immediately.

What we are learning:

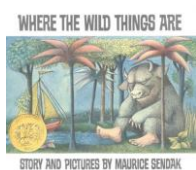
This half term we will focus on the season of winter.



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We will also be learning about **Chinese New Year**. We will be reading some popular children's books and stories. These include:

- The Gruffalo
- The Gruffalo's Child
- The Rainbow Fish
- Where the Wild Things Are



Important Dates:

Parent Workshops

We would like to invite you to a **Phonics Parent Workshop**. The workshop will explain how we will be introducing phonics into the curriculum this term. There will also be ideas for how you can help your child to develop their phonic skills at home. The workshop will be **on Friday 11th January and repeated on Monday 14th January**. The times of the workshops are 2:20pm until 3:00pm. Please try to attend as we will be sharing a lot of important information.

- We will also be holding a **Maths Parent Workshop** on **Monday 11th March** which will be **repeated on Friday 15th March**. The times of the workshops will be **2:00pm until 3:00pm**. We hope that you or another family member will be able to attend these workshops (details to follow). Parents of full time children can attend either workshop.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held during the week beginning Monday 11th February.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will begin again this term. You will receive a separate letter with details of when your child will be going to Forest School.



Story Sharing

Library books will be changed on a **Wednesday**. The children are required to **bring their book bag every day**. Book bags and reading diaries are checked daily by staff. Children who read every week day at home will continue to be rewarded with stickers and treats.

We will be holding **Story Sharing Sessions** on **Tuesday 5th February and Friday 8th February**. Family members will be invited to come in from 2:30pm until 3:00pm to share books with the children.



Hall Time

Hall time sessions will continue to be on a Monday morning and a Thursday morning this term. Please dress your child in navy or black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white polo shirt and shoes/pumps that are easy for them to take off and put back on independently for this session every week.



Number Fun

This term we will be focusing on recognising the numbers 0 to 10. We will be asking the children to continue to play 'I Spy Numbers' at home and when they are out and about. There will be a different number to look for each week. This activity really helps the children to improve their number skills so please encourage your child to have a go. The children get special stickers if they bring their 'I Spy' sheets into Nursery to show us.

Outdoor Learning

All of the children are given the opportunity to learn outdoors every day during the winter months. Please can your child bring a named hat and named gloves to Nursery with them each day so that they can stay warm outdoors. These should be put into the box in the cloakroom at the beginning of the Nursery session rather than in the children's book bags.



Toys

Just a reminder that we do not allow toys from home to be brought to Nursery. This is because they could get lost or damaged and this causes upset.

Naming personal belongings

Please can you double check that all items (including shoes, wellies, clothing, lunch bags & water bottles) are clearly labelled with your child's name. It is very easy for items to get lost if they are not named.

Before and after Nursery

Please ensure that your children do not play on the equipment in the outdoor area while waiting to come into Nursery in the morning or after their Nursery session has ended. The hill, tunnel, mud kitchen and digging hole should only be used in our outdoor learning sessions when the children are wearing appropriate outdoor clothing.

We're here to help!

If you have any questions or worries regarding your child, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us. The best time to speak to us is at the end of the session so that we can give you more time.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.

The Nursery Team

Miss C. Morson	Early Years Leader
Mrs C. Hyde	Nursery Teacher (Mon - Wed)
Mrs E. Jukes	Nursery Teacher (Thurs & Fri)
Mrs M. Gould	Nursery Nurse (Mornings)
Mrs T. Austin	Teaching Assistant (Afternoons)
Mrs L. Roberts	Teaching Assistant (Mon, Tues & Wed am)
Mrs D Phillips	Teaching Assistant (Wed pm, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs J. Cooper	Lunchtime Assistant
Mrs A. Allen	Lunchtime Assistant
Mrs L. Williams	Forest School Leader

A reminder: Friday 15th February is a staff training day and Nursery is closed that day.

Half term holiday is week beginning Monday 18th February (Nursery is closed that week)