



Welcome to the Spring term in Nursery! I look forward to getting to know you all. This term the children will continue to develop their self-help skills and their relationships through play as they develop together their own games and ideas. We will be looking for lots of little helpers who are willing to carry out small jobs around Nursery to keep it a safe and tidy place to play. To find out more about the Early Years Curriculum please go to www.foundationyears.org

We will be reading animal themed texts with a focus on 'Handa's Surprise' followed by 'Walking through the Jungle' plus lots of other animal based picture books. This term, we will be looking for the children to be able to recall the story using text taken from the book, become more aware of how stories are structured with a beginning, middle and end and to contribute and use a story map. We will be focusing on rhyming activities, learning traditional rhymes, animal rhymes and making up our own nonsense rhymes. Don't forget we have a library box stocked with books for you to share at home with your child. You can choose a book on any school day but please remember to sign it out and carry it in the book bag we have provided for your child.



Maths Monkey, Mary the Counting Fairy and counting feathers will help us to count to 10. Singing number rhymes will help us to count forwards and back. We will also learn to recognise numbers and match numbers to quantity. We will continue to look for Dazzle and talk about his position. We will look closely at shapes in the environment and learn how to describe them using vocabulary such as tall, long, round.

This term our topic is called **Animal Kingdom**

Using our focus stories, we will learn about the different types of jungle animals as we develop our understanding of the world in which we live. We will also learn about the animals in the Chinese New Year Story and learn how the Chinese celebrate this. In addition, we will look closely at changes as Winter turns into Spring and talk about the changes we notice. We will remember our Mums in time for Mother's Day and talk about the things they do for us.



Dance is now on a **Thursday** so please remove your child's earrings on this day.

Please send a pair of named wellies into Nursery so the children can play out in whatever weather. If it is raining the Nursery will provide waterproof clothing for the children's to wear over their own clothing. However, on occasions the children may still get a little wet or muddy when they are having fun in the mud kitchen or water trays!



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