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Welcome back after the half term break. As always there will be lots going on this term! It's lovely to see the children returning to school so confidently and they have become more independent when they arrive for their session. We see children doing so much for themselves - they take their coats off, hang them up themselves and then wash their hands before they choose something to do. Fabulous I'm sure you'd agree!



WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 3rd March



Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and here in nursery we'll be celebrating all week by sharing lots of rhymes and stories with each other. We'll talk about our favourites and the children will choose stories for adults to read to them as well as talking about the books and stories they enjoy sharing at home.

There is no need to dress up in any special way as the sessions will continue as normal and the children will have access to all the usual resources (paint, water and mud!). There are lots of ideas and activities available on the World Book Day website that you could do at home too. The address is www.worldbookday.com

You might also want to take a look at the local library service <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/libraries/24-hour-library-services-online/>, visit your local library or the new St Helens library at the World of Glass.

Parents' Meetings

We'll be holding our parents' meetings during the week commencing 14th March. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their Key Worker.

The school office will send you a letter and invitation to your appointment soon. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

We look forward to catching up with you soon!

Spring is coming.....

Although it doesn't feel like it at the time of writing this newsletter, spring is just around the corner! The children have been talking about the changes that they have seen in the nursery garden and so far we've seen daffodils emerging, worms appearing and lots of growth on the trees. We still need warm clothes though as even though the sun is shining it's not quite time to remove those layers yet.

COVID-19 Update

I'm sure you've heard lots of updates this week and I wanted to remind you of what to do if your child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result. The public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. If children test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Please ring our school office to report absences or for any further advice.



Thank you for your recent snack contributions. They will go towards, amongst other things, ingredients the children will use to make (and eat!) pancakes next week. The children will help weigh out the ingredients and mix them together for the adult to then cook the pancakes. You could make some at home too and encourage your child to help you!

What we have been learning:

We have been finding out about the Christian Faith recently and the celebrations associated with it at this time of year including Lent and Easter. The children have talked about special days in their lives and what they do to celebrate such as giving and receiving gifts and enjoying special meal times with families. We've learnt about lots of different festivals recently and found out there are lots of similarities in how they are celebrated.

In our maths work we've been making patterns. We've used lots of different resources and some of them are from our garden. Sticks, leaves and pine-cones make very interesting patterns and children love collecting things to use. We started with an easy pattern - stick, leaf, stick, leaf.... and then have seen the children try out lots of others too. Maybe next time you and your child are out for a walk together you could collect some items and make patterns with them.

What we will be learning:

Jayne from Rainhill Library will be visiting us to talk about the library and tell us about the things we can do there. She's also going to bring some books and read a story to us.

We're learning the sounds that some letters make and finding words that start with that sound such as 's'. See what you can find at home! You can look for things around the house or when you go out. You could start with socks, spoon and sun (sometimes)!

We will be spending time learning about road safety soon. The Road Safety Team from St Helens council will be visiting us and we will be sharing stories and non-fiction books. We've planned to do this before we take part in The Big Walk and Wheel event (see below) to help us keep safe.

Diary Dates:

- **3rd March** is World Book Day – we'll be looking at special books all week.
- Parents Meetings will take place week commencing **14th March**.
- We'll be taking part in The Big Walk and Wheel event from **21st March – 1st April**. This is a national project encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. There will be more details to follow nearer the time.
- School closes for the Easter break on **Friday 1st April** & reopens on **Tuesday 19th April**

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