

What's happening in our local area!
Visit the local library with your child.

Keighley library runs free story, craft and rhyme sessions. They are a great way to introduce your child to the library. They run on Wednesday's 11am to 11.45am Story and craft and Saturday's 11am to 11.45am Rhyme and craft. See <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-people/story-and-rhymetimes#keighley> for more details.

Count Me In 123 number bags are a fun way for parents and carers to encourage young children to learn about numbers, colours and shapes. The bags are sponsored by the Yorkshire Bank and are available for free loan from any library in the Bradford District. Contact your local library for details.

2pm on Sunday 28 January-Cliffe Castle

Bradford Concert Band come to Cliffe Castle for the first time. Admission free.

February half-term at East Riddlesden Hall

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Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close Nursery

January

Monday 15th Deadline for parents/ carers to complete the online school admission forms for those children eligible to start school September 2018

February

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th

Learning Together Days for parents to come into nursery.

Friday 9th School closes for half term

Tuesday 13th Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day

Friday 16th



Chinese New Year-Year of the Dog



**This Half Term in Green,
Blue & Yellow Group**

Spring 1 2018



Experience the seasons outdoors at Cliffe Castle park (above) or St Ives Estate.

Please see the back pages for more information about key events in nursery this half term as well as activities in our area.

**Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski
użyj numeru.**

THIS HALF TERM IN GREEN, BLUE AND YELLOW GROUP

What we think our children will enjoy learning

- We will be visiting our local library to introduce children to the library and also giving them the opportunity to look for books that support their own interests.



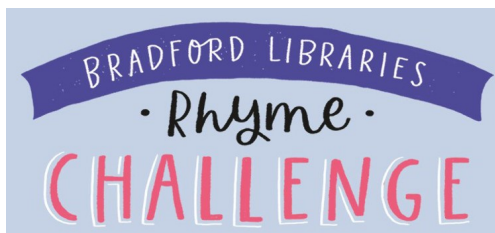
- Last half term the children showed a real interest in living things that they found in and around our nursery and in particular our pet African Land Snail who has hibernated for winter. We look forward to teaching our children about other animals that hibernate in winter and also animals that live in cold places. This will also link to the children's interest in ice and seasonal changes.



- We also want to extend children's interests in the home corner by enhancing the provision with real items such as food packaging, telephone directories and cleaning materials. In addition we will provide opportunities for the children to write shopping lists.

What we would like to teach our children about

- **Welcoming and caring for our new children** - we will involve the older children in helping and supporting them to settle into nursery life and make new friends.



- **Our Rhyme Challenge**—this term we will be taking part in the Bradford Libraries Rhyme Challenge. The rhymes this year are **Tommy Thumb, The Hokey Cokey, Little Mousie Brown, Five Currant Buns . Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.** You can find more information and the rhymes on the following link <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-people/rhyme-challenge/>
- **Dance for Life** – Our weekly sessions will continue to run every Wednesday.
- **Celebrations** –Chinese New Year and Pancake Day. We think the children will enjoy learning all about Chinese New Year and making pancakes for snack.



Things you can do to support your child's learning

- Borrow our stories from the nursery library. We will soon be introducing an electronic system for borrowing books from Strong Close Nursery Library.
- Share the rhymes from our rhyme challenge – Rhymes can be shared almost anywhere – on your journey to nursery, in the bath or in the shops.
- Come and join your child in making something on our Learning Together days which will be held on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February 2018
- Please log in to your child's observations on Early Essence and see where you can see what your child has been up to. Don't forget to share with us what your child does at home! You can create your very own Home Learning Journey on 'Early Essence' which will run alongside the School Learning Journey.
- Involve your child with shopping and the preparation of family meals.

