

# Our Early Years Newsletter April 2018



**This half term our topic is:**

## **Traditional Tales and Rhymes**

### Just Threes

Communications & Language (literacy/maths) - we are continuing to develop our listening and attention skills so we can enjoy wonderful traditional stories and songs helping us to understand the world around us and learn all about numbers too, using our fingers to represent numbers up to 10.

Physical Development— developing our fine and gross motor skills through painting and drawing helps us to express ourselves and have fun playing with sensory activities.

Personal Social & Emotional Development—our focus will be developing our confidence and self-esteem as we continue to make new friends in our new class.

### Nursery

Literacy — We are looking at books and listening to traditional tales. We are practising our listening skills by being encouraged to look at the person who is speaking. Please encourage this when talking to your children at home.

Maths—We are learning to count amounts carefully and to recognise numerals that are significant to us. You can help by: talking to your child about events during the day; reading stories; encouraging them to recognise numbers that are important to them.

### Reception

Literacy:-We are learning to read and spell simple 3 letter words and using our letter knowledge to write words and captions. We are also learning to recognise and write 'tricky words' and high frequency words. Some of our children will be trying to hold and write a sentence.

Maths:-We are recognising numerals to 20 and counting objects and pictures reliably. Children will also be adding and subtracting as well as using the vocabulary associated with these.

You can help by:-

Encouraging the use of these skills in everyday situations which will help your children enormously; e.g. careful counting of knives and forks, looking at environmental print and continue with handwriting and fine motor skills.

**Early morning work is vital to help your child consolidate skills learnt. Please help us by getting on board with this!**

**Please complete homework with your child each week.**

### Contact details

If you change any of your contact details please inform the main office and ourselves straight away. If we need to contact you in an emergency we need to be sure we have all the up to date numbers and addresses. Thank you.

### Parents

As we are now hopefully going to be blessed with better weather, can we please remind all parents that:- Children need to come to school in sensible closed toe shoes, preferably with velcro fastenings. This is a safety issue as children have regular access to outdoor play and they need to be able to move around without a trip hazard. Children need to start bringing sun hats. Both units do have some hats, but you can bring your own if you wish. Please make sure these are named.



### Dates for your diary

We will be holding our end of term assemblies on Tuesday 22nd May for Just 3's.

Thursday 24th May for Nursery and Reception.  
at 11.15 a.m. and 2.50pm.

Please try to attend as this is important for your children. They are so pleased when someone can attend.

### Trips

Reception will be going to The Deep on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Nursery and Just 3 trips will be confirmed at a later date.

### Nursery admission September 2018

If your child turns 3 between 1st April 2018 and 31st August 2018 they will be entitled to 15 hours free Nursery provision. This is available at both sites. If you think your child is entitled, please call in at either site or ring 231193 or 243977 and speak to a member of staff.

### Polite reminder

Once again could we ask that all items of clothing are clearly named.

As the weather gets warmer and children take their jumpers and cardigans off, it is difficult trying to get them back to their owners if they are not named. Staff cannot be held responsible for, or be expected to look for, items of clothing not clearly named.

Thank you.