

# EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019



This half term our topics are; Reception ~ Under the Sea  
Nursery ~ Animals and Their Habitats  
Just three's ~ The Farm  
We will also be covering Spring, Shrove Tuesday, Mother's Day and Easter



## Outdoor Play

We play out whatever the weather!

Please would you bring a pair of wellies for your child to keep at school? We are creating a wonderful outdoor construction area and would like to keep most of the soil out of the classrooms; a change of footwear would be a great start!

For our younger children it is wonderful to see them becoming more independent, please encourage them to be able to put their own coat on and fasten it.  
Thank you.

## Tapestry

We are thrilled with your response to Tapestry our online learning journey. Please feel free to add your child's milestone goals and the adventures they have at home, if you need any support with the system, please speak to one of the team and we will be happy to help.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**We will be having our end of term assemblies**

**On Thursday**

**12<sup>th</sup> April**

**11:15 am and 2:45 pm**

**Please try to attend as this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their learning.**

**They really do enjoy it when you attend.**

## Trips

**Reception will be going to The Deep on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Nursery will visit Ogden Water and Shibden Park and will have some special guests visiting!**

**Just Three's will be going to the farm (Dates to be confirmed)**

## Just Threes

Communications & Language (literacy/maths) - we are developing our listening and attention skills so we can enjoy wonderful stories and songs helping us to understand the world around us and learn all about numbers too.

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.

## PARENT/ CARER PICK UPS

If your child is to be picked up by a different parent or carer it is essential that school is informed when your child is dropped off or by a phone call during the day if circumstances change.

## Nursery

Literacy — We are concentrating on our listening skills. We are using songs, rhymes and musical instruments to help with this. You can help us by making sure when you are talking to your child or they are talking to you, that you maintain eye contact at all times. It is also helpful to occasionally ask your child to repeat what you have just said. This will then tell you if they have been listening.

Maths—We are learning to count amounts carefully to 5 and beyond. We do this through number songs and rhymes. You can help by singing number rhymes and songs with your child. If you have any favourites you remember as a child we would like to hear 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'. 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.

We are learning the days of the week in order.

You can help by:

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

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

