



Bel Royal Nursery : Spring 2024



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The children have settled back into their daily routine in Nursery and we are all looking forward to another busy term. It is great to see the children enjoying responsibility to complete small tasks e.g. putting coats and shoes on. Please continue to support us from home by encouraging your child to do these things independently. The children are really beginning to form relationships with each other. It is so good to see them talking to their peers when they are playing together and demonstrating friendly behaviour.



Physical Development

We will be using our bodies to develop confidence and agility to move in lots of different ways – running, skipping, jumping, hopping etc. We will use a range of apparatus to develop our skills of throwing and catching and activities that encourage gross motor movements. We will also develop our skills to use one handed tools such as scissors and pencils for drawing and writing.



Mathematics

This term, we will be continuing to practise our subitising skills and number recognition to 10. We will be doing this mainly through play along with a short, daily sessions. We will also be beginning to name simple shapes and use everyday vocabulary size, weight, capacity and time during play opportunities.

Reminders

- *Snack money is now due and can be paid via Parent Pay, £60 for the term. Many thanks.
- *Please remember to use your parent accounts when adding comments to Seesaw and use it to message me, rather than via email.
- * Please ensure your child has a warm coat in Nursery at all times. A warm hat and gloves would be good too.
- *Please remember to always have spare clean clothes for your child in school at all times.
- *Please check that all clothes are labelled and that wellies still fit!
- *Your child will bring home a story bag on a Friday which will have a book and props/ puppets, to share. It will need to be returned by the following Friday.
- *Please do not hesitate to contact me on Seesaw if you have any questions or queries.

Rights Respecting School

We will be focusing on: Article 19 – I have a right to be safe, Article 28 – I have a right to learn, Article 31 – I have a right to relax and play.



Understanding the World

This half term, we will be learning about the Lunar New Year, Pancake Day and Valentine's Day. For the Lunar New Year, the children will have the opportunity to make and try a noodle dish. Children will also be able to participate in other Lunar New Year inspired activities.



Communication and Language

We will listen to stories as a class or in small groups, follow simple instructions and learn how to use prepositions such as under, on top and behind. We will develop our awareness of rhyme and use talk to connect ideas and explain what is happening.



RWI Phonics & Literacy

This term, we will begin the Read, Write, Inc Phonics scheme in Nursery. Children will be taught to say the sounds of letters with the help of mnemonics. The children will also be introduced to 'Fred' who is a RWI character who can only speak in individual sounds! 'Fred Talk' is an activity that occurs in every Speed Sound lesson and helps children form the foundations for reading and spelling.

Please help your child to practise recognising and saying the pure sounds at home and repeating the mnemonics. The website below has lots of excellent videos for parents.

Website address: www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/

Please also focus on encouraging your child to write their own name at home. It is important that we build up the muscles in the children's arms, fingers, and hands to help them with their writing skills!

We will also be talking about and answering questions about lots of stories and traditional tales and attempting to retell familiar stories. As well as focusing on recognising environmental print. We will be doing this by looking for and identifying certain logos and print on everyday products.

Trip Monday 29th January- we will be going on a visit to Hamptonne to listen to some stories as part of National Storytelling Week. More info to follow.