



## Early Years Newsletter: 9



### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

It has been lovely to hear all about the excitement of the children's Christmas break and to welcome six new children to Nursery. Everyone is settling in beautifully and exploring the activities on offer. We have enjoyed using our new junk-modelling resources, building wonderful creations and learning how to join the materials in different ways. Some of the children were interested in where milk comes from, so we investigated this online and through making our own 'milking station'! The newly-reorganised water tray has been particularly popular; we have been able to develop the language of measurement, social skills and role-play involving swimming Barbies. In Maths, we have been singing number songs and representing numbers using our fingers, thinking about which number comes next. In Phonics, we have been looking at the sounds /s/ and /a/, singing the accompanying songs and making the actions.

Please remember to let us know when your child has done something amazing at home, or write it on a Proud Cloud at Nursery, so that we can celebrate these achievements with them at school, too. This could be anything from being especially kind or helpful to learning a new skill. Thank you.



### Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver

The children have settled well back into school and have thoroughly enjoyed the activities set out. The children began the week with their first Yoga session; they loved their P.E. lesson and look forward to their next. In class, we have been concentrating on addition and subtraction and writing number sentences. In Talk for Writing, the children have been drawing a story-map for The Three Little Pigs. We have also been building towers, labelling parts of the body, mixing colours to make potions and using differently sized containers in the water to investigate capacity. Mrs May has begun her cookery sessions, visiting Italy and Greece. We will be continuing the theme in class next week. When the children are cooking, they do not need an apron or container to put their goodies in, as they will be eaten during the session.

Please could you ensure that your child's book bag is in school every day, to support us in hearing them read and to allow us to give out homework. This week, we have handed out new homework, copies of which are on the website, if needed. Many thanks.

### Dates for your diary

- *Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of January* Class photographs
- *Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of January* Parents' Evenings
- *Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of February* Last day of half term
- *Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of February* First day back after half term break
- *Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of March* Muffins with Mum
- *Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of March* Grandparents' Morning
- *Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March* PTA Summer Disco
- *Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of March* Last day of Spring Term
- *Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of April* First day of Summer Term

Best wishes,

The Early Years' Team