



Spring Half Term 2

We have many exciting things planned for this half term, with a specific focus on rhymes, books and reading to link with World Book Day. As part of this focus we are going to be working on the following areas:

Butterfly group:

- Rhyming words: rhyming stories, rhyming games (including 'Silly Soup') and rhyming strings.
- Prediction: using unfamiliar stories

Caterpillar group:

- Rhymes: including a Nursery Rhyme Challenge
- Rhyming stories: starting with some favourites such as Buster's Day, Brown Bear and also traditional tales with rhyme in repetitive phrases, such as The Gingerbread Man.

As always we will also be taking daily inspiration from the children's own interests and ideas - having already made plans to explore making different coloured icing through colour mixing for buns and biscuits. This is after many of the children were enjoying exploring making different coloured snow by mixing powder paints. This green, orange and purple snow became the 'icing' on snow cakes at the outdoor kitchen.

World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 5th March**. We will be doing lots of activities over this half term to celebrate books and reading, but on this day in particular we would like to invite the children to dress up as a character from a story.



The children may also wish to bring in a favourite story book or the story book their character is from during this week (please remember to write their name in the book).

PLEASE SHARE A STORY:

We would like to invite parents, grandparents or any other family members to come into nursery and share one of your favourite children's stories with a group. A sign-up sheet is on display on the parent's noticeboard.

Important Dates!!!!

Monday 24th February - Return from half term holiday

Tuesday 17th March (6 - 7:30pm) - Parents evening for those children starting school in September. Please make an appointment with your child's keyworker.

Friday 3rd April 6pm - Close for Easter holidays

Monday 6th April - Thursday 9th April - Holiday Club open. Please ask any member of staff for a letter if you require this provision.

FULL EASTER CLOSURE - Friday 10th April - Friday 17th April

Monday 20th April - Return from Easter holiday

Wednesday 22nd April - Zoolab are in visiting the setting

Friday 8th May - Closed for May Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May 6pm - Close for May Half Term

Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May - Holiday Club open.

Monday 1st June - Reopen after half term

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came in and shared their musical skills and interests with us last term. The children had the opportunity to listen to and find out more about a clarinet, accordion, violin, recorder and keyboard.



We also enjoyed listening to both instrumental and environmental sounds with our butterflies to promote good listening.

Hats, gloves and wellies

We will go outside in all weathers so please send your children with a warm coat, hat, gloves and suitable outdoor boots.