

## Can you help?

**Plant Pots:** We are collecting plant and flower pots of all shapes and sizes in preparation for our gardening project.

We would welcome any unwanted plant pots for us to create a wonderful spring garden.



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## Dear Nursery Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and your children are refreshed.

This newsletter gives you some information about what we will be learning over the coming weeks.

## Literacy and reading

We will be continuing to change reading books every **Tuesday** and **Friday** so please make sure that your child's reading book is inside their book bag.

We would also like to encourage families to write a comment about your child's reading in their journal such as how you child found the book, or what part they found interesting.

This half term we will continue our phase one phonics programme focusing on developing phonological awareness. We will be learning initial sounds and producing rhyming words. Please encourage your child to practice their sounds at home each week. Please say the initial sound without an 'uh' at the end.

**S** 'sssss'

**M** 'mmm'

**L** 'lllll'

**Z** 'zzzzz'

Phonics song link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffeZXPtTGC4>

**'Winter'** and **'My Community and Transport'** are our new topics.

We will be talking and learning about all things winter and then explore transport and people who help us in our community.

We will be reading stories about winter and then immerse ourselves into the world of transport.

There is a bus and bus stop in our imaginative room where we can role play different characters.

We are going to make our own buses and take them on an adventure!

We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support!



## Maths

This half term we are going to be focusing on making comparisons between objects relating to size.

We will also be looking at 'more and less' as well as putting objects in order and stating which is bigger and smaller. We will be reciting numbers to 10 and recognising numbers as digits. You can do this at home too by going on number hunts and counting up to 10.



## Literacy

This half term our topic books are '**The Snowy Day**' by Ezra Jack Keats, followed by '**The Naughty Bus**' by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will be reading these stories everyday and basing lots of activities around them. Our focus on reading this half term is to fill in the missing words or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game. We will be learning new words and actions to go with these books. We will also be drawing a story map which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that the children can recall what the story was about.

In writing this half term we are focusing on controlled mark making and using a wide range of mark making materials. It would be great if you could work towards this at home through encouraging plenty of drawing and writing waves, loops and circles.



## A few reminders

\* With the weather being colder we please ask that you bring appropriate clothing for your children to wear outside. Please ensure your child has a change of labelled clothes left on their hook outside in case they have an accident or need changing.

\* Please **name** all clothing **clearly**. Though we do our best to keep track, it is the children's responsibility to look after their clothing. We encourage them to put anything they don't want straight into their bag, however this does not always happen. In these case, named clothing makes all the difference.

\* This term we are focusing on developing the children's independence. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to put their own coat, jumper, scarf and shoes on. This will help them with their sense of independence especially those who are moving into reception after summer.

### WOW moments

We will be introducing WOW moments. These are cards for you to fill in about the amazing work your child does outside of nursery. It might be zipping up a coat or riding a bicycle or anything else which is super impressive! The children stand up in front of the class and have their WOW moment read out aloud. The children love having their achievements celebrated by their class mates. We will be giving you WOW moment cards shortly.

