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## Spring 1

# WELCOME TO EARLY YEARS!

### Books this Half Term

Nursery AM: The Magical Snowman, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Enormous Turnip, The Gingerbread Man.

Nursery PM: The Itsy Bitsy Snowman, Oh dear, I Spy With My Little Eye.

Reception: Sneezy the Snowman, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Chinese New Year, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

### OUR

Nursery AM:  
Doors open 8:30-8:40  
Hometime 11:20

### SCHOOL

Nursery PM:  
Doors open 12:15-12:25  
Hometime 3:05

### DAY

Reception:  
Doors open 8:40-8:55  
Lunch: 12-1:00  
Hometime 3:05

### PE

Nursery PE (AM only): Thursday

Reception PE: Wednesday & Thursday

PE Kit: Children in Nursery and Reception both need plain white T-shirt, red shorts and bare feet. (PE kits are available from the office)

### Wider Learning for Autumn 2

In Nursery, children will be learning about winter and moving on to Traditional Tales. We will be exploring the changing seasons, and learning all about forces—push and pull through our story of the Enormous Turnip. Finally we will be baking some gingerbread.

In Reception, children will start the term learning about winter. We will then move on to Traditional Tales with a week spent learning about Chinese New Year. Through our learning we will be investigating how ice melts, getting lost in maps and building bridges. We will also be baking some treats for the 3 bears!

### School Shoes

A gentle reminder that children need to wear **black** school shoes or **all black** trainers. We have seen a number of children wearing trainers with bright colours. We really appreciate your support in providing your children with the correct footwear.

### Maths

In Nursery we will be learning all about 1, 2, 3 by identifying each number and matching the number to the amount. We will be singing our counting songs too.

In Reception, children will be focusing on a deep understanding of the numbers 0-10, especially a quick recall of number bonds to 5 (e.g. 2 and 3 make 5!). We will also be working on 2D and 3D shapes.

### English

Nursery: We will continue to work on our speaking and listening through phonics lessons and class stories. We will have plenty of opportunity for retelling stories together through the traditional tales. The children are given opportunities to mark make throughout the provision and will be working hard to perfect their pencil grip.

Reception will be sharing books linked to the themes as well as reading some really great stories! We will be writing about characters from the stories and retelling parts of the story in our own words.

### Values and Behaviour

Nursery children will be continuing with routines and developing their relationships through turn-taking and sharing.

Reception children are working on negotiating problems with friends and coming to a resolution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us on the gate or email / telephone school and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

