



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Library Visit for World Book Day

To celebrate World Book day, we have arranged for our children to visit Spennymoor library. We would love our families to help us with this trip. Times and groupings have now been confirmed with the Library. We will be inside the library for approximately 45minutes. Please inform staff before the date if you would like to help by speaking to them or sending us a message on seesaw. We are required to have a ratio of 1 adult to 4 children to safely leave the building.

The times to meet at nursery for our visit are as follows:

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Yellow Group children:

Green and Red group children: 9.45am

Friday 4th March 2022.

Red PM children: 12.30pm

Blue Group children: 1.15pm

Learning Area Relaunch

We are continually looking to ensure that our offer to the children is the best that it can possibly be, in line with the Federation mantra of 'Be the best that you can be'. Recently, we have reviewed all provision and have decided to rearrange the learning areas. We are really excited about this and have spent a lot of money on new resources. When the children return from half term, Nursery will still be familiar to the children but they will also spot some enhancements too. Mrs Taylor has thought carefully about what will happen in each area and the routines and expectations in each of these. As part of this relaunch, we are going to invite parents in to see the environment and this will be done on a group by group basis in the week after half term. This will be linked with our Library visits. Parents may come inside to see the nursery enhancements shortly before they arrive to help us on our visit. Please see the times above.

Have you got at home?

We would love to receive any donations of old fashioned weighing scales, suitcases, metal dough cutters, vases, jugs and ornaments. We are developing the nursery environment to follow the 'Curiosity Approach' to learning. There is a Curiosity Approach Instagram page, if you would like to learn more. Thank you for your help.

Love of reading

A love of reading and storytelling is at the heart of our curriculum. Our reading area is one area where we have reorganised and this is a priority area in Nursery. We love telling stories and it is fantastic to see the children acting the stories out in the role play and small world and even outside too! After half term, we will be commissioning a video which shows how we use story and also one which gives parents tips on reading along with children. We will be holding some story telling events with parents and children and we have managed to organise visits to the library, while we know how parents appreciate books going home with the children on Thursdays.

Opening Up

As COVID restrictions are lifted, we are really excited about being able to organise activities with parents in Nursery and also to get the children out into the community. This is really exciting for us and it will make a huge difference to our offer. After half term, we will have a number of such activities and we all hope and pray that this is the beginning of a return to normality.

Sharing Learning

As we are able to open up, it will be easier for us to share learning experiences, as mentioned above. Our curriculum plans are on the website and we have recently

refreshed these so you might want to take a look. We are also going to ask you to review how your child is progressing soon and this will be very helpful to us in helping the children. Of course, our parent consultations are another way of us keeping you involved and these will take place inside nursery! So we will finally be able to see each other face to face!

Parent consultations will be held on Monday 14th March between 3.45pm and 5.30pm. There will be times available during the day also and more details will follow after half term.

Library Books

Please can we remind families to return library books by Tuesday? We hope that you are enjoying reading stories at home with the children.

Coronavirus

Please inform nursery immediately of any Covid test results via email.

Symptoms of Coronavirus

We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is our policy that any child who presents with **one or more COVID symptoms**, should take a LFT test. If anyone tests positive for coronavirus in your household, please inform Nursery.

This is to safeguard all children and staff in nursery. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

If your child receives a positive test result over the weekend, when nursery is closed, the best way to contact us would be via email:

oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net

If we need to contact all parents quickly, this will be done via a text message through our parentpay text message service.

Therefore, if you have not already signed up to this, please contact the office if you need further login details or support.

Dates for the Diary

We are pleased to publish currently confirmed dates for the rest of the academic year and these can be seen in the table below.

Spring Half Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 28 th February 2022
Library Visit AM	Tuesday 1st March 2022
Library Visit PM	Friday 4 th March 2022.
Parent Consultations	Monday 14 th March
Nursery Closes for Easter Holidays	Friday 8 th April 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 25 th April 2022
Nursery Closed for May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Summer Half Term	Thursday 26 th May 2022
Nursery Reopens	Monday 6 th June 2022
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 20 th June 2022
Nursery Closes for Summer Holiday	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

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