



Blackthorn Primary School

Nursery Class Spring Term 2 Newsletter



Welcome to Acorn Class! We are looking forward to welcoming children to our Nursery Class.

This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term.

Please talk to your child about what he/she is learning at school.

Our Topic

Our topic this term is 'Growing Big.' We will be learning about how we look after flowers and plants and what we need to do to help them grow, as well as also learning about what we can do to make sure we grow too! We will be learning about healthy foods and how it is important to eat a balanced diet. We will take part in a range of activities that cover the topic 'Growing Big' such as tasting new vegetables, planting our own seeds and messy vegetable printing as well as many other exciting activities!

Reading Books

It is lovely to see that the children are engaging with the books that are being sent home and taking an interest in prints and illustrations. Please could we ask that you write us a short note in the Reading Record book to let us know if they've enjoyed the story. It would be great if parents could use the sheet at the **back** of the reading record to make a note of how their child held the book, if they turned the pages, or pointed to the words/pictures by using the Reading Ladder Targets Table. For example, BO1 = Holding the book correctly. For Nursery we are **only** using the first table at the top of the Reading Ladder Targets Table, numbers 1-3. Hopefully this makes sense but if you have any questions please ask a member of staff in the Nursery 😊

Please could we ask that parents bring in their child's reading book **everyday** so that we can read this story with your child at Nursery too. Their book will be changed weekly and they will also have a weekly Nursery rhyme to take home too. Thank you!

Reminders

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. Nursery love to get involved with messy play so there may be times the children come home a little bit messy – but they have just had lots of fun exploring!

Please can we ask that every child brings a bag of spare clothes with them to Nursery, in case of any accidents or wet play. Thank you 😊

Tapestry

It's lovely to see so many parents logging into Tapestry and viewing their child's learning journey. Please feel free to send in any photos of what your child has been up to outside of Nursery and we will be able to share it with their peers at group time.

If you have any problems logging into Tapestry please ask a member of Nursery staff and we will try our best to help!

Home Library

It's great to see that the Home Library is being accessed by parents and carers. Please feel free to continue to borrow books from our Nursery Library independently and swap and change the book as often as you like! The Home Library is separate to the everyday Reading Books so please could we ask that these are still brought in daily. Thank you 😊

"The more that you read, the more that you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go!" Dr Seuss.

Games to support fine motor development

- Manipulating playdough
- Using stamps
- Pick up small objects with tweezers
- Building blocks
- Stringing beads
- Games with pegs

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- Cutting with scissors
- Using a hole punch
- Q-tip painting
- Paint dropper
- Threading beads
- Using clothespin