



Nursery

Parent Newsletter  
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Mrs Thompson

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Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you have had a lovely holiday and that you are all ready to learn more exciting things!

<p align="center"><u>Learning Challenge—What happened to Jack's beans?</u></p>	
	<p>This half term we will be starting our new learning challenge "What happened to Jack's beans?" During this learning challenge, we will be learning all about different types of plants. We will start the learning challenge off by going on a plant hunt around the school grounds. We will learn all about the different parts of a plant and their function and also what a plant needs to grow. The children will each plant a seed and be responsible for looking after it. We will also move on to looking at and tasting different vegetables as well as exploring vegetable printing and where different foods come from. We will end the learning challenge by becoming bakers and baking our own bread!</p>
<p><b><u>Letters and Sounds</u></b></p> 	<p>We will continue our daily letters and sounds sessions in order to develop the children's awareness of sounds in words. This will get them ready for reading when they move to Reception. This half term, some children will be learning how to blend and segment. They will learn how sounds go together to create a word as well as how to split words up into individual sounds. Other children will be introduced to the sounds SAT-PIN. We will teach them songs and actions to help them to remember each sound and also introduce the concept of alliteration.</p>
<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Reading</b>            We have daily story sessions that are important in promoting a love of reading. We will continue to recap the features of books, such as the front cover, tracking the words from left to right, recognizing story structures and using story language to retell and act out stories. We will learn about instructions and use them to help us to plant a seed.</p> <p><b>Speaking and Listening</b>            We have set up a new café role play area to encourage speaking and listening skills and will spend time in here modeling good use of role play language and turn-taking. We have also started to use a range of pictures that promote speaking, listening and understanding skills.</p>

Subject	
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>In maths, the children will continue to learn about number recognition and counting. The numbers used will be personalised to each individual child based on their prior knowledge. These will range from 1-20. The children will be learning how to count out amounts as well as counting set amounts given to them. This will be taught within a range of fun and exciting practical games. We have a new interactive number display for the children to practise their counting and that displays numbers in different forms.</p> <p>We will continue to reinforce concepts such as 2D shape, size, pattern, positional language and times of the day. The children will also be introduced to measuring and ordering height and using the correct language to describe it.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> 	<p>As part of developing the children's fine motor control, a range of carefully planned activities and resources are available for them to use as part of their child-initiated time. We have a fine motor area that has a range of activities that change on a weekly basis. We have also introduced a tiny writing area that is designed to improve the children's fine motor skills. They have the opportunity to write and draw using small equipment such as cocktail sticks, cotton buds, feathers, vegetables, sticks etc.</p> <p>The children will also have many opportunities to develop their gross motor control through adult-led PE sessions and child-initiated outdoor play. We have a range of small equipment such as bats, balls, hoops and bean bags as well as bikes, scooters and climbing equipment for the larger movements.</p>
	<p>PE will continue to be held on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We would greatly appreciate your support on these days to ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothes for moving around in. Please remember to tie up long hair and remove any earrings on these days for safety reasons.</p> <p>This half-term, the children will be learning how to control small equipment such as balls, bean bags, bats, hoops etc. They will learn how to throw, catch, roll, bounce and kick in preparation for sport's day.</p>

Please see over for information about general notices.

### Library

The nursery library sessions will be on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, after the PE sessions. The children will still have the opportunity to choose a book to take home and share with their family. Their book does not need to be changed on a weekly basis if they would like to keep it for a longer period of time. Please support us and continue the children's learning by discussing features like the front cover, the title, characters and story structure when sharing the book with them.

### Outdoor play and exploration

The children spend time outside in the nursery playground everyday. This involves riding bikes and scooters, exploring and using the climbing frames and digging in the soil. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and clothing so that they are warm and dry whilst exploring the outdoor area. These clothes will get dirty so please do not bring them in any of their best clothing.

### Homework Reading

During this half term, we will be sending out character boards from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme of books, These will be for the children to play matching games/bingo with you at home to help them recognize the characters and their names. Once they are confident in recognizing these words, the children will be given a reading book to bring home which will be changed on a weekly basis if they are confident.

### Special events

We will be celebrating a range of events this half-term, here are the dates:

St George's Day—Monday 23rd April

Sports Day — to be announced

May Day —Monday 7th May

Remember to keep an eye on the windows and doors in and around the Nursery, the school website and don't forget to follow us on Twitter @brooklandsprim1 for any other news or events which happen before our next half-termly newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents who could make it to our box modeling sessions. The children had a fantastic time. Please do not hesitate to ask about anything that we are doing in nursery. The planning is always displayed on the nursery notice board which I am happy to discuss with you. We have also changed some display boards so don't forget to take a look at what we have been learning!

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