



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have had a super Christmas break and It is lovely to welcome you and your children back to Nursery for Spring 1 term, we are looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities. Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in wellies and puddle suits, which will help protect your child's uniform while using mud sand and water over in our curiosity corner.

As a quick reminder, please see below for a list of items your child will need for nursery:

- **Water bottle** with fresh water daily, **please could you ensure that it is only WATER in their bottle and that the bottle is clearly named**
- **Lunch box**, if they are staying for lunch. Please make sure these are clearly named
- **Spare uniform**, including underwear and socks- named and left on their peg in a carrier bag
- **Appropriate clothing**-- coats on cold/wet days.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the nursery has the same uniform as the rest of the school: grey school skirt/trousers, white polo shirt, grey school jumper, grey/white tights or socks and black school shoes (not trainers) Hair should be tied back with plain dark coloured bands only, coloured bows and fancy accessories are not school uniform.

Winter clothes: If you are sending your child in with hats, scarf and gloves, please ensure each individual item is named clearly and that you have shown your child how to put them on.

Toileting: We understand that children may have occasional toileting accidents from time to time, and other children may struggle with this for a while. Rest assured, we are here to help children with toileting, as much as they need it. We ask that ALL children, regardless of toileting ability, have a spare set of uniform including underpants in a clearly named carrier bag that stays on their peg every day. If you are aware that your child may struggle, please ensure that multiple pairs of underpants are packed.

Attendance: Please ensure that you telephone or email the school office at admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk if your child is going to be absent from nursery for any reason. We encourage all children to attend nursery as much as possible, in order to best prepare them for the following school year in reception.

Information you will need about events happening in the whole school and particularly for the Nursery are posted in the online weekly school newsletter.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Mrs Scurr

On behalf of the nursery team

This sheet will give you an overview of the learning we are covering this half term.

Mathematics

Children will be exploring whole numbers on a 3 week cycle. This term, children will review the numbers 1 and 2 taught in the autumn term. We will then continue to learn all about the number 3: collecting concrete materials, recognising the numeral, counting out objects from a small group, matching the numeral and quantity, recognising the number pictorially and counting an irregular arrangement of objects. Children will compare quantities and say when one has more. Children will also learn about a linked shape, and continue and create repeating patterns

Literacy

Children will continue to develop their phonological awareness by playing 'Fred Games'. They will be learning to orally blend by saying the sounds and putting them together to hear the whole word e.g. c-a-t = cat. Children will explore mark making in a variety of contexts. Children will also now be learning the 'picture cards' associated with each sound e.g. m= mountain, a= apple, s= snake.

Physical Development

This area of learning is about developing fine and gross motor skills. We will be focusing on:

- Putting on coats and handling zips with increasing independence
- Remembering sequences of movement
- Climbing using alternate feet
- Scissor skills and handling small tools
- Developing an appropriate pencil grip

Understanding the world

- Exploring changes in matter– melting and freezing
- Spotting signs of winter
- Exploring the traditions of some of their friends by finding out about the Chinese New Year
- Exploring how sound is made

Changing Seasons: Winter Little Composers Up in the Air! Rhyme Time

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to learn the Golden Rules and explore how these look in the classroom:

1. We are gentle
 2. We are kind and helpful
 3. We are honest
 4. We listen
 5. We work hard
 6. We look after property
- We are also learning how to express our own opinions and disagree appropriately.

Expressive Arts and Design

This area incorporates music, drama, art and design and technology.

- Exploring textures
- Creating winter tree artwork by experimenting with different brush strokes
- Snowflake printing
- Joining in winter games
- Building own musical instruments
- Innovating a popular song with lyrics

Home learning

Please help us to develop a love of reading by reading with your child everyday– books are available for children to take home everyday. Please encourage and support your child in dressing independently: putting on their own coat and pulling their own trousers/tights up and down when going to the toilet.

Communication and Language

- Answering the register
- Increasing the complexity of sentences
- Saying what signs of winter they can see
- Joining in with nursery rhymes
- Starting conversations with peers, with support from adults
- Practise listening and following instructions with two parts

Key reading books:

