

## Newsletter 25/03/24

### Learning this week:

This week we continue our wild animal theme. Children will learn to identify wild animals, learn the sounds they make, their features and the habitat they live in. Children will be going on a safari trail to find the wild animals! There will be learning about animal patterns and making animal prints.



Talk to your child about:

- What wild animals can you name?
- What noises do they make?
- What features do they have?
- Where do they live?

We will also be looking for signs of Spring and learning about this season.

### Core Story:

This week's core story is '**Polar Bear, Polar Bear.**' by Eric Carle. As well as learning about different wild animals and the sound they make, children will be answering 'What?' questions and retelling the story using story language.

Our Dragonfly children will be reading '**Dear Zoo.**' They will be repeating phrases and filling in missing words.

You can watch a member of our staff reading the story on our website.

### Wonderful Word of the Week: 'Spring'

Each week, we introduce our children to a 'wonderful word of the week.'  
This week the word is 'Spring.'



Talk to your child about:

- What is the weather like in Spring?
- What flowers might you see in Spring?
- What happens to the trees in Springtime?

### Makaton Sign of the Week: 'friend'

Each week, we learn to sign a new word.

You can watch Mrs. Taylor sign it on our website (Learning Zone) so you can practice it with your child at home.

### **Poetry Basket: 'A Little House'**

Every half term we learn 2 -3 short poems. This week the children will be reciting the poem, 'A Little House'.

### **Talking Tub**

This week's talking tub and non-fiction books are about **'Wild Animals.'**



Talk to your child about:

- What animals were in the talking tub?
- What noises do they make?
- What features do they have?
- What is their habitat like?

### **Focus Song**

Each week we learn a new song. This week the song is **'Spring is Here.'** You can sing along with child at home by watching it on :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DobrRgD5aOU>

Our progression focus is:- technical vocabulary

### **PSED**

In PSED groups this half term, our theme is **'Managing Feelings.'** We will be learning about different emotions. We will also be learning about road safety.

### **Woodlands**

Each week our 3-4-year-olds go to the Woodland area.

Our woodland sessions are:

**Ladybirds - Wednesday**

**Bumblebees - Thursday**

**Caterpillars - Friday**

We provide warm jackets, waterproof legwear, and wellies for each child, but please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and have a hat and gloves in the cold weather.

This week in Woodlands, our Parents and Carers have been invited for 'Stay and Play'. We will be doing an Easter Egg Hunt. Please make sure you are dressed appropriately for the weather; it might be muddy in Woodlands!

### **Masterclass**

Each half term, our school leaver children participate in a Masterclass. This term's Masterclass is Art Classes. The children will be learning about famous artists and creating artwork in the style of the artist.

### Enchantment

Children are showing an interest in numbers. They have been making all kinds of 'number machines' in the workshop area. We have put some calculators out for them to investigate numbers and some new number books in the maths area to read.

### Attendance

The winners of our attendance this week is:

**Morning Dragonfly - 96%**

WELL DONE!

They will receive a certificate and look after our McMillan Monkey this week.

Morning Dragonflies 96%

Afternoon Bumblebees - 93%

Morning Caterpillars - 90%

Morning Bumblebees 89%

Afternoon Caterpillars 89%

Morning Ladybirds - 80%

Afternoon Dragonflies - 77%

Afternoon Ladybirds - 72%

Please let the office know if you can not attend Nursery.

Certificates will be presented this week for high attendance.

### Home learning

Skill of the Half Term - To use the 5 steps to wash hands.

Our skill this half term, is to practise using the following 5 steps to wash hands.

- 1) *Push up sleeves.*
- 2) *Use an appropriate amount of soap.*
- 3) *Spend an appropriate amount of time washing hands.*
- 4) *Rinse off soap.*
- 5) *Dry hands.*

Certificates will be sent home this week to show you how your child has done with this skill.

### Homework Project

This term's project is 'Being an Artist,' *What different types of artworks can you create?* We have been overwhelmed with the number of families who have completed this project, and the wonderful artwork your child has produced. Well done to everyone and thank you.

### Wellcomm

In Wellcomm Groups this week (Communication and Language) we will be learning what/why questions, and the concept 'isn't'. You could practise with your child at home.

### Library

Each week the children take a library book home which you can read with them at home. Please make sure you return your library book each week.

**Monday - Bumblebees**

**Wednesday - Ladybirds and Dragonfly**

**Thursday - Caterpillar**

Thank you for returning your library books.

### Snack Skill

In social snack time this week, our older children will be practicing how to 'pour'. This week we will be practising how to pour milk from a jug onto our cereal and water into a cup from a jug. You could practise this skill with your child at home.

### Tapestry

Thank you for all your lovely contributions on tapestry. It is lovely to see what the children do at home. They love sharing their news in Key Person time. Letters have been sent home to parents who have not activated their account for some time. Please see Miss Shah in the office if you need any assistance.

### Save the Date:

Our 'Stay and Play' Easter Egg Hunt will be on:

Morning: 10:00 - approx. 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Ladybirds

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March -Bumblebees

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Caterpillars

Dragonflies- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10:15 - approx. 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: 1:45 - approx. 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Ladybirds/Bumblebees

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March -Caterpillars/Bumblebees

Dragonflies- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2:00 - approx. 3:15 p.m.

Details have been sent home.

### Ramadan/Eid

Thank you for all your food donations. The local councillor will be visiting Nursery on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to collect the donations and take out into the community. You have all been very kind.

### Community information

Bradley Family Hub (The Zone) are running the following programme:

School Admissions Drop-In  
(incl help with appeals, transport & free school meals)

9:30am - 1:00pm

2:00 - 4:00pm

If you would like any further information on this please ask at the office.

### **Primary School Places**

A reminder, you will find out which primary school your child has been allocated on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Holidays**

Holidays are from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Children will return to Nursery on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We hope you all have a lovely break and "Eid Mubarak" to our families celebrating Eid and "Happy Easter" to our families celebrating Easter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Cathy Stokes, Headteacher



