



## We are very busy bees this term in Nursery:

**Communication, Language and Literacy:** We will begin each day with a phase one phonics session which focuses on sounds in the environment and songs with rhythm and rhyme. We follow the Letters and Sounds programme but also use Jolly Phonics songs and actions too. Where appropriate, correct letter formation is taught during these sessions.

Children will have lots of opportunities to mark make or write for a variety of purposes such as writing invitations for a celebration, making party hats or decorations and creating their own animals.

### Mathematical Development:

We will continue to develop children's awareness of numerals 0-10; Once secure they will move on to 10-20. This will involve rote counting, counting objects, number recognition and formation. We will be focusing on using mathematical language in every day situations such as larger than, taller than, smallest etc. We will also be learning the names of shapes and identifying these in our environment.



## Off to a flying start with our new topic Animals!

A Happy New Year to you all and a very warm welcome back.

We are kick starting this half term off by learning about Animals! We will be focusing mainly on animals that live in colder climates including penguins and polar bears. We will be sharing lots of fiction and information books which will help to make us animal experts! Children will also create animal masks and enjoy our Winter activity area in class.

### Religious Education:

We start the term by learning about our Local Church Community. During this topic we will be celebrating and responding to what a celebration is and how the parish family celebrate. This will be followed by topic 'Eucharist' where we will be learning about why people gather together and the joy of gathering together to celebrate mass. Finally, we will finish the term with the topic 'Lent/Easter.' Here we think about how Lent is a time to grow like Jesus and look forward to Easter.

Of course we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Mothers Day during this term and have some exciting activities planned for these too!

As ever, please feel free to come and chat to us at any time during the term and we will support you in any way we can. Remember, each week's focus number, shape, word and book can be found on our entrance display.

Thank you for your continued support,

*The Nursery Team.*