#### First Week Back

The children have come back to school very excited and have been telling us all about what they've been up to! We've had a very busy week creating collages, using scissors and doing our phonics and maths sessions. They have all settled back in beautifully.

#### P.E.

Last half term we had a fabulous opportunity to work with Stoke City Football Club doing some movement sessions on a Thursday. This half term we will be doing our own movement sessions in the hall on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Children must come to school in their sports clothes on a Wednesday. Please make sure all items are labelled as last half term we had lots of mixed up jumpers!

Please label all items of clothing — including shoes!

# Nursery's Spring Newsletter



## Clothing

Please make sure that your child comes in clean uniform each day with sensible shoes

— we will be doing lots of running and playing outside. We have various sizes of spare wellies in school but you are welcome to bring a pair of wellies that will stay in school for your child to use when we are outside in the rain and splashing in puddles!

As the weather is cold your child will need to bring a warm coat to school each day. Please also bring a hat, scarf and gloves to school — we go outside in **all** weathers.

Please make sure your child has a bag of spare clothes (multiple pairs of pants, trousers etc) in school at all times. This bag will stay in school and staff will inform you when we are running out of clothes for your child. Please bring this in even if your child is toilet trained — they still may have accidents or get a bit too excited in the water play!

#### Fun with Phonics

This week our Fun with Phonics sessions start. For the children taking part they will take home a bag of resources each Friday of this half term so they can practice their phonics at home. Next half term we will be running our Marvellous Maths sessions so let me know if you'd be interested in taking part in those!

# Library Books

We hope you and your child are enjoying reading your library books together! We change the books on a weekly basis and the children choose their own stories to take home.

Please make a note in their reading diary when you've read together.



# Communication and Language

- Listen and respond to songs and stories
- Take turns to speak
- Use new vocabulary

# Expressive Arts and Design

- Usie voices and instruments to make sounds
- Use different media such as paint, junk modelling, pencils, dough to create new effects
- Use imagination in role play and small world

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Follow classroom and school rules
- How to solve conflicts
- How to be a good friend
- Develop play with others

## Physical Development

- Using the outside daily
- Fine motor control to encourage pencil grip and mark making
- Healthy mind, healthy body
- Using the toilet independently

### **Mathematics**

- Exploring numbers 1-10
- Using mathematical language
- Using number names in play
- · Counting objects

# Nursery Spring Term

Nursery Rhymes & Let's Grow

# Understanding the World

- Understand that we were babies and that things were different before we were born
- Talk about the changes in weather
- Talk about plant life cycles

#### Literacy

- · Developing and encouraging a love of reading
- Daily phonics carpet sessions
- · Choosing library books to share at home
- Name writing practice