



Outdoor clothing

All nursery children are given the opportunity to access the outdoor learning environment each day. Research confirms that **“Outdoor learning improves child development, supports mental health and wellbeing, deepens nature connection and promotes more inclusive and engaging learning”**.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in warm clothing and has an outdoor coat, hat and gloves available for them to choose to go outdoors.

Do not send children to nursery in dress shoes or crocs as these can be dangerous when children are using outdoor climbing equipment. Ideally children should wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms as these allow for movement when children are engaging in active learning opportunities.

Fundraising

Thank you for all your support with sponsored events last term we raised a total of £1425. This money has been used to fund Christmas activities and is helping towards the cost of replacing our outdoor canopy roof.

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for willing volunteers who have time to come along to nursery and read a nursery story to a small group of children. Reading books is not always modelled to children by adults as we are all guilty of using our mobile devices in place of books, magazines and newspapers. We want our children to develop a love of reading and we would love your help to promote this. Grandparents, parents, extended family members this is an open invitation. Please speak to your child's key person and arrange a date to come into nursery.

Nursery provision

If your child takes home some nursery toys please return these to us. We understand there are lots of exciting resources that the children love to play with and these may end up in little pockets. Please do not feel embarrassed, this happens quite often. It costs a lot of money to replace missing items and sometimes these are taken from sets and cannot be individually replaced. For example the small world animals are all purchased in sets and to replace one would mean buying the entire set again. Please pass any resources back to nursery staff to ensure that they are put back into the correct places. Thank you.

Safeguarding Reminders

- Please **do not leave any young children unattended** in cars when dropping off and collecting.
- Please **ensure all children coming to nursery are strapped into a suitable car seat.** This is UK law.

Parents and carers who do not use the correct car seats and those who leave children unattended can be **reported to social services for failure to safeguard** a child.

Our planned curriculum for the Oak room children

The nursery environment within the Oak room has been carefully created with resources to further embed and extend the skills children learned in the Maple room. The continuous provision has been selected to progress the development of PRIME areas and introduce the Specific areas of Early Years Foundation Stage. Resources are displayed to promote children's independence and embed the characteristics of effective teaching and learning. Children in the Oak room have a number of opportunities to meet together in their small group with similar age peers, for a planned experience led by their key person. This may be focused around mathematical development, phonological awareness, reading a story or singing songs and rehearsing rhymes together. Children continue to embed social skills and mathematical learning through sharing in snack time. Tasks such as self registration onto 5 frames, using visual timetables, listening for and responding to the rhythm of the day and matching resources back to their original places at tidy up time all promote mathematical understanding.

Celebrations

- Lunar New Year
- Valentine hearts
- Pancake cafe
- World book day story time
- Easter hunt
- Red nose day

Core Songs

- I can build a little house
- Henry's happy hair shop
- The bubble gum song
- Down in the Jungle where nobody goes
- Hop little bunnies
- Little Peter rabbit

Core Rhymes

- The tickle rhyme
- No harm done

Termly focus

caring for living things through the Big Garden Bird Watch
oral health and dental hygiene

Family engagement

- Spring Family day – a lovely afternoon to end the Spring term with free activities and refreshments

Parent workshop

- Emotional regulation to support self regulation (face to face)
- Internet / online safety (to be confirmed)

Parent evening dates – 17th March (Purple/ Green) and 7th April (Red/Yellow) 3-5pm. All parents are invited to sign up for an appointment to find out about their child's progress and engage with setting outcomes for their child to work towards.

Core Books

- Rosie's Hat
- Oi Frog
- Aliens love underpants
- Would you rather...
- The three Billy Goats Gruff
- Peace at Last
- Hop Little Bunnies

Mathematical development

- Subitising

Phonological awareness

- Listen attentively
- Enlarge their vocabulary
- Speak confidently to adults & peers
- Discriminate phonemes

January 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Return to nursery | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Lunar New Year | 30 | 31 | |

February 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine hearts | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Half term | 25 Half term | 26 Half term | 27 Half term | 28 Half term | |

Teacher training day
24/02/25

March 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| 30 | 31 | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Pancake cafe | 5 | 6 World Book Day story time 2.20pm | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Parents evening Purple & Green | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Red Nose Day | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

April 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Easter hunt. Parents evening red & yellow | 8 | 9 Spring Family Day 2pm | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Primary School offer day | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

If your child is unwell and unable to come to nursery you must let us know by either telephoning 01915271168 or emailing rosemary.lane@durhamlearning.net

As a school we have to follow safeguarding policy and this requires us to find out where a child is when they do not attend school