

## Nursery Uniform

Uniform is available to order from the main office. It is not compulsory but does help your child to understand when it is nursery time. If you do not choose to wear uniform, please save best clothes for home. We use paint, glue, and many different malleable materials that will end up on your child's clothing. Please remember your child is exploring and they will not always remember to push their sleeves up or put on an apron. These skills will develop over time.

## Names

Please name all items of clothing (shoes, socks, vests and spares in changing bags). The easiest option is to use a permanent marker pen. Please have a name on the outside of your child's changing bag (e.g. like a luggage tag). When we are looking for a changing bag we could be searching through 20 different bags so it really helps to see the name on the outside.

## 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.**

## 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.



# Spring Term 2024 Newsletter

## Willow Room



Welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us in nursery this term. We are very excited for you to be part of our wonderful school community. Please do not hesitate to ask any member of staff if you have a query. Or alternatively email us at [rosemary.jane@durhamlearning.net](mailto:rosemary.jane@durhamlearning.net) or telephone 0191 5271168.

## Our planned curriculum for the Willow room children

The nursery environment within the Willow room has been carefully created with resources to encourage exploration and investigation. The provision has been selected to follow the interests of the children whilst promoting the development of the PRIME areas of learning – Personal Social and Emotional, Communication and Language and Physical development. Resources are displayed to encourage independence and child led enquiry. Children in the Willow room often explore through schematic play. They gain a fascination and become very engrossed in this repeating it over and over. For example, transporting objects around by using their hands, pockets, bags and baskets. Children in the Maple room meet together with their peers to share snack, sing some familiar songs and rehearse some favourite nursery rhymes.

### Celebrations

- Pancake snack
- Easter hunt
- Red nose day

### Core Songs

- Friends song
- Hop little bunnies

### Core Books

- Where's Spot?
- Dear Zoo
- Walking through the jungle
- Hooray for fish
- Dogs

**Termly focus** introducing a dry toothbrush

### 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** - 24<sup>th</sup> March 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.

Nursery fees are paid via your code. We ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of snack food, and baking/play dough materials. 15hour places pay £2 and 30 hours places pay £2.50. This should be given to your child's teachers in the Willow room each week or as a lump sum for the half term. Thank you

## January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
			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	30	31	

## February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	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
30	31					1
2	3	4 Pancake snack	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Stay & Play AM 11-11.30 PM 2-2.30	20	21 Red Nose Day	22
23	24 Parent evening 3-5pm	25	26	27	28	29

## April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Easter hunt	8	9 Spring Family Day 2pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	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](mailto: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