

STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I'm excited to start a new year at Stapleford Nursery with you all.

Core Book

Our core book for this term is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. This is one of my all time favourite children's stories and it's always a firm favourite with the children too. This book provides the great opportunity of retelling a story using actions, which we will be focusing on at the start of this term. Through this story we will explore textures relating to the book e.g. 'thick oozy mud.' It will also give the children an opportunity to discuss journeys, sharing their thoughts, ideas and opinions. However as always this book will just be the basis for our term and we will continue to plan the term around the children's interests which form from their play and conversations.

Literacy and Maths

In Literacy we will be largely focusing on retelling the story in our core book using actions and supporting the children in retelling a variety of stories through creative activities such as role play. We will be supporting them in sequencing stories through pictures and expanding their vocabulary using key words such as 'first, next, then' and so on.

In Maths we will be continuing to explore numbers through play but also in adult focused circle times and activities. We will be introducing repeating patterns through different activities, for example at the moat we will identify and make repeating patterns with natural materials e.g. conker, leaf, conker, leaf. Our core book for the term also lends itself to revisiting our previous learning on positional language which we will again focus on e.g. 'you can't go over it, you can't go under it.'

Phonics

We will continue to implement and practise phonics skills throughout our daily routines such as listening skills during carpet time; as well as listening to environmental sounds at opportune times such as during our moat session. We will have focused circle times numerous times a week to challenge the children in further phonics skills such as instrumental sounds and rhyming. The children will be split into smaller groups for this to support all phonics skills and levels.

Outdoor Learning and PE

To continue our enthusiasm of outdoor learning we will be visiting the moat on a weekly basis. Please can the children come to the Nursery in old jeans or jogging bottoms (not shorts), a long-sleeved t-shirt, a sweatshirt or fleece and a waterproof coat. We do have waterproof trousers in school, however if your child has their own waterproof clothing please send them in these too, as well as wellies. It will also be useful to send in a spare pair of shoes for them to change into after their moat session as the wellies often get muddy. In winter, extra layers, thick woolly socks over their normal socks, a warm coat, gloves and a hat are advisable. **This term our moat session will be on Monday afternoons.**

We will be continuing our PE session on a weekly basis in the hall. This has continued to be a great opportunity to practise independence skills of taking shoes and socks on and off, as well as listening skills in a different and larger environment. As you know the children do PE in the clothes they come to Nursery in, so please be mindful to send them in comfortable clothing on the day we do PE. **This term our PE session will be on Wednesday afternoons.**

Questions and concerns

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. With the current restrictions we are minimising face to face contact, so do feel free to email me via the Nursery email nursery@staplefordprimaryschool.org

I hope this information has been useful, and look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Davies