

Nursery Newsletter Spring 1 Term 2021

Welcome back children and families! We hope you had a lovely break.

Don't Forget...



- Please don't forget to login to your Tapestry account regularly. This is where we will keep you updated with your child's learning. We also post home learning activities here for you to support your child at home. Miss Corbett will be sending out a how-to guide this week on how to upload your own posts to Tapestry if you are unsure.
- In the event that your child needs to isolate, they will be provided with a home learning pack of activities for you to do together at home.
- In the event of a class bubble closure, we will now email two weeks of work to you so that your child has daily online lessons for Literacy, Maths and other areas.
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9

Key dates...



- Monday 4th January – return to school
- Thursday 11th February – break up for half term
- Friday 12th February – training day
- Please check Tapestry every week! Miss Corbett will be adding parental workshops on reading, early phonics and maths.
- Our reading library will take place every Wednesday – please share a story at home regularly with your child and don't forget to bring it back to swap it for a new one.

Hands, Face, Space campaign

Alongside our other safety measures we will continue to be talking to children about the government's 'Hands, Face, Space' campaign: urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates of Covid-19.



Our Learning Project for Spring 1 is 'Come to my Tea Party!'

We continue to value the children's own contributions to their curriculum. Our next project is derived from our observations of the children's interests and learning needs. The children showed high levels of involvement in our last project, particularly around the theme of celebrations, picnics and parties. We have developed a project following on from this, delivered through stories about celebrations. As part of this project we will:

- Plan and make a range of party foods, including birthday cakes and milkshakes.
- Develop the children's art skills through a six week art project based on sculpting clay. The children will create and decorate their own tea plate for a party.
- Plan a party and write invitations for people who are special to us.
- Share and re-tell a range of texts linked to the theme, including *It's My Birthday*, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, *The Birthday Invitation*, *Party* and a range of non-fiction books including recipe books!
- Enjoy a fabulously re-vamped classroom with areas set up to support the theme.

In other areas of learning

- In Maths the children will be studying the numbers 1-3, exploring the different counting principles including counting aloud to three, counting three objects, representing 1-3 on a counting frame or recording through their own mathematical marks.
- In Phonics we will continue with Letters and Sounds Phase 1 to support their auditory skills and phonological awareness. This will include listening out for environmental sounds, matching sounds of instruments and exploring rhythm and rhyme.
- The children will continue to practise recognising their own names and other meaningful text.
- The children will enjoy a range of sports activities with Miss Haley which will support their physical wellbeing.
- Over the next term we will be focusing on developing our outdoor space in time for Spring and Summer. We will be asking for parental involvement in our decision making – please look out for further information to come.