



# Little Acorns Nursery Newsletter

## January 2023 Spring Term 1



### Paws, claws and whiskers

This half term our theme is "Paws, claws and whiskers". We are going to be learning about different types of animals, where they live and what they like to eat. Some of the activities we are going to take part in will include drawing and painting our favourite animals along with role playing and dressing up. If you have any pets at home or photos of your child visiting the zoo or farm please can you email them to

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These pictures will be used on our display board in the nursery.

In mathematics this half term, we will be learning to count from 1 to 5. We will be using objects and singing number rhyme songs. We are also going to learn about the concepts of size e.g. big/little, small/tall.

#### Books and rhymes linked to our theme.

Books we are going to read linked to our theme are

- Going on a bear hunt
- In the jungle
- Spot goes to school

New songs and rhymes we are going to learn linked to our theme

- Incy wincy spider
- Old McDonald
- 1,2,3,4,5

### Important information

- Morning session is 8:30am -11:30am
- Afternoon session is 12:15pm- 3:15pm

Please take time to look at the Swain House Primary website. Photos of your children exploring activities and learning are uploaded throughout the terms. Photos can be found on Little Acorns Class Page – Class Gallery.

Please download the Marvellous me app onto your phone. We use this to send out reward badges for the amazing effort and learning your child has done at nursery.

### Messages

Please remember to bring a labelled water bottle to nursery and a rucksack containing nappies, wipes and spare clothing. Please add extra clothing if your child is toilet training.

Snack money this half term is £3.00

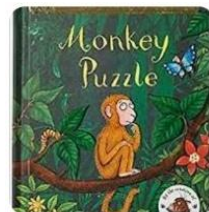
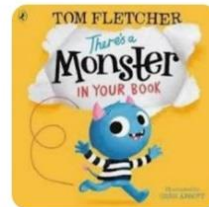
### Core books and rhymes

We have been developing the use of 'core reading' books in nursery.

We have chosen books that are repetitive, predictable and often feature rhyme. This makes it easier for children to join in with, so that the experience of reading becomes interactive and the children begin to learn the story as they are read to.

This half term, our core books are

- The Monkey puzzle
- There's a monster in your book



The core rhymes we will be learning and singing are

- Five little monkeys
- Baa baa black sheep

### How you can help your child at home

Share story books with your child at home; the time you spend sharing a book with your child is invaluable and makes a huge difference to their development.

Encourage your child to count at home e.g. count steps as you walk up and down, count teddies, count cars etc.

Talk to your child about what they have been learning at nursery. Encourage turn taking whilst talking and ask them questions which include who, what, why and when. Email photos of any star moments that happen at home e.g. sleeping in own bed or putting own coat on.



### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January- Parents evening  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January- Stay-and –Play session AM/PM  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Break up