

# Great Oak Nursery Newsletter

## February-March 2024 Spring Term 2

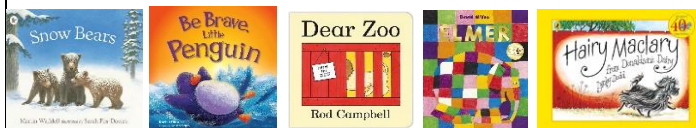
### Amazing Animals!

This half term our theme is 'Amazing Animals'. We will be learning all about animals for different parts of the world, from jungle animals to arctic animals. We will also be having a pet week and talking about the animals that some of the children might have at home!

In mathematics this half term, we will be continuing our learning of numbers from 1-5 and starting to learn about numbers 6-10. We will continue identifying 2D and 3D shapes and exploring repeating patterns. We will be using objects, singing number rhymes and looking at number in the environment. We will also be comparing the size and weight of objects.

#### Books linked to our theme

Books we are going to read linked to our theme are:



### 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. We have also selected books that will gain children's interests and help them to obtain knowledge of the world around them.

This half term our core books are:

- The Tiger Who Came To Tea
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt



This half term our core rhymes are:

- Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
- Here comes the Terrible Crocodile...

### 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.

Remember to fill in our 'Star Moment' cards when your child does something they are proud of at home. For example: *Chloe swam without arm bands during her swimming lesson this weekend.*

### Messages

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

We are trying to encourage children to not bring their own toys to nursery as things can get lost or broken.

Snack money this half term is **£2.50** for AM and PM children and **£5** for Full Time children.

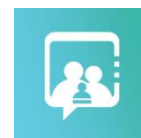
### Important Information

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

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



Please also download Parent Apps Connect. This is for school communications about upcoming events, important letters and information.



Please speak to a member of nursery staff if you need support with any of these.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Great Oak Nursery Easter Crafts Stay and Play  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - non-uniform (chocolate donation)  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Easter egg decorating (bring hard boiled egg)  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - school closes