



## **FORM TEACHER'S TERMLY WELCOME NEWSLETTER**

### **Nursery : Summer Term 1 2018**

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Easter break and are ready for an exciting summer term of activities.

Our first half-term's topic work will be on 'Traditional Tales' and will include the following tales: 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', 'The Enormous Turnip', 'The Big Pancake' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Our work on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' will include planting beans. We will send the beans home and we would like the girls to take photos of their beans and also measure their growth. This information will be requested via email at regular intervals and will be included in a Nursery 'Growth Chart', (UW and Maths). We will explore further growth by planting turnips and other vegetables in our Outdoor Classroom during our 'Enormous Turnip' week.

Our role-play area will become a shoe shop, inspired by the well-known tale 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. This will provide lots of opportunities for role-play based on real life scenarios and also opportunities to develop an understanding of money, buying and selling shoes, and measurement, sizing and pairing shoes, (Maths, PSE and EAD).

We hope to have some outings in the local community to support our topic work, including a visit to 'Maria's' to make and eat some yummy pancakes, a trip to Waitrose to buy vegetables to make vegetable soup and also a walk to feed the ducks at Harpenden Common, (UW, Maths and PD).

In our outdoor ChIL sessions we intend to concentrate on further developing our gross motor skills with activities such as using the trampoline, throwing, catching and kicking, climbing and obstacle courses, using space hoppers and stilts, scooting and biking, (PD).

We will continue with our Tuesday 'Jolly Phonics' lessons, introducing the remaining single sounds and consolidating our previously learnt sounds. We will also be working in groups using 'Sound Talk' and where appropriate beginning to blend and segment simple words.

In our individual reading sessions, sharing 'core books', we will continue to look at features such as rhyme, the story setting, who the characters are, how the characters feel, making predictions, recalling the sequence of the text and recognition of sounds and blends, as appropriate for each girl, (Literacy and CL).

French continues with Mrs Bishop each Thursday and lessons will continue to be themed to support our topic work. The girls will also continue with their Music lessons with Mrs Lipman on Monday and Tuesday mornings, exploring different instruments, rhythm and music and movement, (EAD).

Afternoon sessions will continue to be offered on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be no session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, on the first day back of the summer term. Sessions will commence on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Many thanks,

Mrs Radgman and Mrs Matthews

Please see below for important dates this term:

<b>Summer Term Commences</b>	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 8:30 – 12:00 (No afternoon session)</b>
<b>Afternoon Sessions Commence</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>
<b>Outing To Harpenden Common Duck Ponds</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 9:15 – 11:45</b>
<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 School Closed</b>
<b>Open Morning</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 9:30 – 11:30</b>
<b>Outing to Waitrose</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 9:00 – 10:30</b>
<b>Outing to Maria's Pancake Shop</b>	<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 9:15 – 11:15</b>