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Spring Term 2023 – Giant Paws and Monster Roars

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our existing families and a very warm welcome to our new families joining us this term. We're delighted to be welcoming six new children into the nursery. We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and you were able to spend lots of lovely time together. We have had a great start to the new year. We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back in and have got back into the nursery routines so quickly.



Spring term topic

Our topic this term is *Giant Paws and Monster Roars* and as the title suggests, there will be a focus on (friendly) monsters and also dinosaurs later in the term. We have begun by looking at the story 'Bedtime for Monsters' and creating our own fabulous monsters. This week we will be focusing on the very well known, and much loved story *The Gruffalo*. We are going to be painting our own Gruffalo's as well as creating them out of play dough, and even making Gruffalo crumble too.

Some of the other stories we will focus on will include, *We're Going To Find A Monster*, *Where The Wild Things Are*, *The Bog Baby* and *Dinosaur Dig*. We'll also be looking at the *Three Billy Goats Gruff* which will coincide with a trip to Kentish Town City Farm.

We are very excited about this topic and hope it will capture the imagination of all the children and help immerse them in their learning. As well as support their language development through the learning of these stories and use of story language.

Snacks and lunch

Please continue to remember to send a **named bottle with water** in each day. Fruit snacks will also continue to be given to the children each morning. It's also lovely to see the children beginning to become more independent during lunch time too.

Reading

The children love listening to stories throughout the day and have started to get more involved by retelling stories, predicting what might happen next and talking about their favourite parts. Please remember our book changing days are Tuesday and Thursday, when the children have the opportunity to select two books to take home. If your child doesn't have a **book bag** yet, you can buy one for **£3.50 from the office**. Talking to your child about the illustrations, what might happen next, their favourite part, which characters they liked/disliked etc, all helps to develop their comprehension of texts and supports the development of their story language. Later this term, we will also begin phonics sessions, looking at a different sound each week. We will let you know what the sound is and some ways you can support your child at home.

Mathematics

Mathematical learning happens throughout the day during carpet sessions, small group work and is also carefully embedded in play activities. We continually give the children reasons to count, sort, order, sequence shapes and recognise numerals. Daily singing of number rhymes and counting objects takes place during carpet sessions. At home you can help the children by counting with them to 10 and beyond if they

are ready. Counting small sets of objects when cooking and doing other domestic activities can also be helpful.

Forest School

Forest School will resume in a few weeks. We will send out a message on Parent Hub the day before to let you know. The children have been really enjoying the sessions and are growing in confidence when exploring our Forest School site. As we are now in winter, it is vital that children are dressed for cold weather so they can enjoy their time outside. Please make sure your child has extra pairs of socks on (especially if they wear wellies), lots of layers and a woolly hat, scarf and gloves (not mittens as these are not good for playing). Thank you so much for your support with this.

General House Keeping

Clothing

Please encourage your children to dress in clothes that allow for independence in being able to dress and undress themselves. **Unless your child is able to fasten their own shoelaces, shoes with velcro and zips help to support their growing independence.** Due to the nature of early year's education, there will be times when the children may get messy. For this reason, please avoid sending your child to school in special clothing. Additionally, please make sure there is always a change of clothes in school.

All-weather Nursery

We are an all-weather nursery so the children will play outside in different kinds of weather. Please send your child in with a **named, preferably waterproof, warm coat with a hood, along with a named hat, scarf and gloves.** Gloves on a long piece of elastic or wool are a good way to prevent them from being misplaced.

Open Hours: 8.50am – 3.20pm

We open the door at 8.50am to enable a smooth transition at the start of the day, but please ensure your child is in by **9.00am** as we begin our first carpet session promptly. This is really important to ensure your child begins the day along with all the other children and is also a time when we will read our focus story, along with explaining the activities during the morning session. Please can you also arrive promptly at 3.20pm to collect your child. Thank you for your support with this.

Important Dates

- Thursday 26th January - Nursery Class Tea
- Monday 13th to Friday 17th February - Half Term Holiday
- Wednesday 15th March – Nursery trip to Kentish Town City Farm
- Thursday 23rd March – Individual Parents Appointments
- Tuesday 28th March – Music Assembly
- Thursday 30th March – International Food Evening
- Friday 31st March - final day 2pm finish

If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Best wishes

The Nursery Team