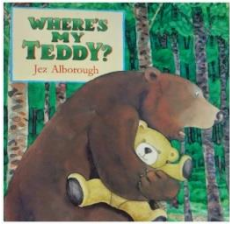


Abbey Green

Nursery School and Children's Centre

All Different, All Special, All Equal



Blue Group Families Newsletter - Spring 2 half term

We have had a lovely half term learning about our core story of Polar Bear Polar Bear What do You Hear. After the February half term holiday we will start to focus on our core story of 'Where's My Teddy?' Each week on our classroom door you can see what we will be learning about. And see overleaf for a selection of activities we will be looking at.

We will be making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday 28th February. Thursday 2nd March will be World Book Day. Your child can come in fancy dress or their favourite character from a book and on Friday 24th March we will be celebrating Red Nose day by wearing something red or spotty or both!!



We will be introducing a new friend 'Eddie' to Blue group. Eddie is our teddy who children can take turns to look after at home. We will provide a little journal to go with Eddie so you may include pictures or your child's mark making to share with the children in nursery.

We will continue to learn the action to a new Makaton sign and revisit the signs we have already learned. Each Monday you can find the new sign in the entrance as you come in and it would be lovely if you could join in with this at home. You can also practise these signs at home using the **Something Special page on the Cbeebies website.**

If you would like to view the early year's curriculum it can be found on the internet at

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>



Just a few reminders - Morning nursery registration is at **8.45am to 9.15am** and nursery finishes at **11.45 am**. Afternoon nursery registration is at **12.15pm to 12.45pm** and nursery finishes at **3.15pm**. Please make sure your child is at school on time and that he/she is collected promptly.

We will only dismiss your child to parents or other adults over 16 of whom we have been informed. **Snack money** will be £3 collected each half term. It would be helpful if you would read with your child for a **minimum** of 10 minutes **every day**. You can borrow books from our Nursery library in the entrance.

Please remember to inform school of any change of address, home telephone number, mobile telephone number or any other emergency contact information.

You can contact school in the following ways:

Telephone: 01274 722070, Fax: 01274 743926 or Email: office@abbeygreen.org

Have a lovely half term break and we will be looking forward to seeing you back on Monday 27th February.

Spring 2nd half term Monday 27th February to Friday 7th April 2017

Area of the Curriculum	What the children will be learning in nursery	How can Parents help
Personal, social and emotional development	Learning to share toys and resources. Respond to other people's feelings and wishes through inspiration time activities and general free play.	Help model caring and sharing behaviour through turn taking and use of simple phrases e.g. 'Jay's turn first, then Anisa's turn'. Give lots of praise when your child shares and willingly passes a toy or object over. Encourage 'Please' and 'Thank You' when your child is making requests and receiving. See attached Please and Thank You song.
Physical development	Develop control holding tools, resources and equipment during water/sand play, snack time, threading activities, etc.	Encourage your child to pour from a jug into his or her cup during meal times. Notice how they hold pens, crayons, or paint brushes when mark making and encourage to hold near point rather than at the top where there is less control when moving tools.
Communication and language	Developing understanding of simple concepts such as, big and small, up and down, back and forward, etc.	Look at objects around the house. Ask your child to select big and small items. Give simple instructions to help children develop simple concepts e.g. when helping your child get dressed - put your arms up.. arms down. (See attached Rocket Rhyme)
Literacy	Listen and join in with stories and rhymes	Read with your child for a minimum of 10 minutes every day . You can borrow books from our Nursery library in the entrance. To listen to our core story visit the link below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=535aeHPS1J4 .
Mathematics	Learn to use number names through songs and rhymes and play. Select small number of items from a group	Sing number rhymes and songs with your child. Count objects around the home or when you are out and about. Visit the link below for number rhymes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHqjNHxmB7c
Understanding the world	Start to plant seeds and talk about the signs of new life in Spring- link to Easter.	When walking to the shops / school / park, look for the signs of Spring outside such as new buds on plants. Plant some seeds in little pot on the windowsill and wait to see what happens.
Expressive arts and design	Learn to create sounds using different approaches e.g. banging, hitting, blowing, shaking, etc.	Encourage your child to explore sound. You can use objects from around the house for e.g. an empty biscuit tin and spoon, tapping two wooden spoons together, etc.