

Abbey Green

Nursery School and Children's Centre

All Different, All Special, All Equal



Families Newsletter for Green Group Spring 2 Half Term

We have had a lovely half term learning about our core story of The Gingerbread Man. After the February half term holiday we will start to focus on our core story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. 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 and celebrating Red Nose day on Friday 24th March by wearing something red or spotty or both!!

We have started to introduce a letter of the week and number of the week. You can access the phonic sounds of letters of the alphabet at: - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/alphablocks-games> choose the a-z game then select the star in the top right hand corner to select the phonic sound for a particular letter. Learn about numbers with your child at: - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/numtums-numtum1> (and numbers to 10) .

Each week the children 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 **8.45 to 9.15am** and nursery finishes at **11.45 am**. Afternoon nursery registration is at **12.15 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.

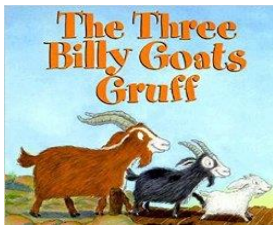
Please remember to inform school of any change of address, home telephone number, mobile telephone number or any other emergency contact information.

You can contact school in the following ways: Telephone: 01274 722070 Fax: 01274 743926 or email: office@abbeygreen.org

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. **Personal items** please note that school cannot be held responsible for your child's personal possessions. It is recommended that personal items are left at home. The only jewellery allowed is ear studs for health and safety reasons. And please ensure your child wears sensible shoes to nursery e.g. trainers, no high heels or fabric shoes. Thank you.

Have a happy half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on the 27th February.



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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	To play in groups and talk about their home and community. To talk about being kind and helping people. Red nose day.	At home share photos e.g. of special times for the family e.g. birthdays, weddings, holidays and talk about the people and the place. Ask your child who, what where questions and why, how questions about the photos e.g. Who is that? How did we get there?
Physical development	Developing climbing skills. Building bridges with wooden blocks. Drawing story characters and writing letters and numbers Making pancakes and learning about food hygiene and safety.	Provide pens, paper and pencils at home for them to draw and make marks and help them learn how to hold a pen. Encourage your child to walk more themselves and not be picked up or use a pram. Go to the park to climb or if the weather is bad go to an indoor play centre such as Alphabet Zoo. Try making pancakes at home on Shrove Tuesday 28 th February. Talk about why we need to wash hands before preparing food and to keep away from the cooker. Practice flipping pancakes with dough and a cold pan.
Communication and language	Three Billy Goats Gruff. To listen to the story and answer questions about the characters	Read the story at home ask your child questions about it see question suggestions on the door to our classroom. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO-5KgcfHmI
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. Sing nursery rhymes together with actions see http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs . We will also be visiting Manningham Library this half term and please come and join us.
Mathematics	Learn numerals through the number of the week. Learn about prepositional language e.g. on, under, behind, in front of next to. Explore weight and size- big, medium, small.	Visit Cbeebies numberblocks for our number of the week at http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks Count that number of e.g. steps, cushions, spoons etc. at home. Play a hide the teddy game at home. Ask your child to hide the teddy in a certain place e.g. under the table, behind the sofa. Or can they hide the teddy themselves and then describe where it is using positional language. Sort objects by size at home e.g. teaspoons, dessert spoons and wooden spoons
Understanding the world	Start to plant seeds and talk about the signs of new life in Spring- link to Easter. Visit from the road safety team.	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. Learn about road safety together with Salman and Friends at http://www.salmanandfriends.co.uk/
Expressive arts and design	Provide resources for children to act out the core story. Clap out beats to repeated refrains.	Clap hands to the repeated refrain of trip trap trip trap. Use quiet squeaky voices for the little billy goat gruff, a normal, medium voice for the middle sized goat and loud, deep voice for the big billy goat gruff.