

Abbey Green

Nursery School and Children's Centre

All Different, All Special, All Equal



Families Newsletter for Nursery- Spring 1 term

Welcome back to Green group children and families and a new welcome to the children and families joining Green group this half term. We have had a great half term learning about our core story of Elmer and going on our Autumn walk to the park. We have continued with our sign of the week when 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**.

After the Christmas holiday we will start to focus on our core story of The Gingerbread Man. Through this story the children will learn about the repeated refrain and rhythm of the story, the sequencing of the characters and to distinguish the different animals in the story. We will be baking gingerbread faces and figures and experiencing different smells such as ginger, cinnamon, strawberry, lemon orange etc. We will be learning about how fire men and women help us and how to keep safe at home.

At the end of January the fire service will be coming to visit us and they will be bringing their fire engine for the children to explore- **and many thanks to Inayah's dad in the morning class for arranging this for us**. We will also be learning about the season of Winter and the festivals of Chinese New Year (year of the Rooster **on 28th January**). We will continue with our Write Dance movement sessions and some children will start to learn a letter 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)

The early year's curriculum can be found on the internet at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>

Further information on how you can help your child learn through their play next half term can be found **overleaf**. **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

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 Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in 2017!

Spring 1st half term Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 17th February 2017 - Core story The Gingerbread Man



Curriculum Area	What the children will be learning in nursery	How can Parents help
Personal, social and emotional development	Independence and how to look after our toys and use them in the proper way.	Encourage children to complete registration activities by themselves and support by reading the question. Encourage your child to say please and thank you. Look after toys at home and use them with care.
Physical development	Building snowmen and igloos with snow. Building rooms with wooden blocks. Drawing shapes and writing letters and numbers	Encourage your child to take their coat off and put it on. Provide pens, paper and pencils at home for them to draw and make marks- it's fun to draw on paper on the floor also. Help them learn how to hold a pen by adding blu tac or an elastic band to the base of the pen. Encourage your child to walk more themselves and not be picked up or use a pram. When it snows take them to big spaces like the park to explore and build. Make gingerbread together at home.
Communication and language	To listen to the story and answer questions about the characters	Go to your local library to get a copy of the story. Read the story at home ask your child questions about it – see question suggestions on the door to our classroom. See also http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/Gingerbread-Man-Story-Time-2061
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 .
Mathematics	Number rhymes, matching activities, reciting numbers in order.	Join in singing counting songs see http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs Look at different sized spoons, pans, toy cars etc. which is the biggest or smallest.
Understanding the world	Talk about the natural world e.g. the bare trees and evergreen trees. Talk about the fire service and fire engines and keeping safe at home.	Go to one of the many parks in Bradford e.g. Lister Park, talk about what they see around them, what they feel-is it hot or cold, can they see the mist of their breath and why. Look at the changes from Autumn to Winter. Talk about Fireman Sam and how he helps people. Learn about keeping safe at home by selecting the safety options on http://www.sensoryworld.org/sensory_house.html
Expressive arts and design	Provide resources for children to act out the core story and rhymes. Explore and express Winter experiences through different media and dance.	Make ice at home together. Use every day items such as flour, shaving foam and sugar mixed with wintry paint colours to create pictures and models. Dance and join in actions to nursery rhymes – see above. Join in children's role play around the story and think about the actions and sounds different animals in the story make.