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SPRING ISSUE

# Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2023

## Themes

In the past we have used our newsletter to inform you of the themes, projects and activities we are following during the term. However as all our children now have a Tapestry Online Journal we use this portal to keep you involved. As before this is a two way communication tool and we ask that you share the posts with your child. This reinforces the fact that you value what they are learning in nursery and that we all work together. Thank you for your 'likes' and comments and your posts from home.

## Focus child

You may already be aware that we are trialling 'Focus Child' which is a comprehensive approach to observing and recording across all areas of development and learning. Through this programme we are able to understand your child's preferred learning style and interests. Your child will be the 'Focus child' for one week this term and the next.



## Read, Write, Inc

This programme is now underway. Children in Foundation Stage are introduced to a letter in a fun way once a week. They practice making the sound and writing the letter correctly. Please don't worry if your child isn't particularly interested at this stage. Simply bringing attention to letters (particularly in their name) sows the seeds for later in their development. If your child is showing interest in letter formation please ensure that they are using the correct method.

Later in the term our focus will move onto **Traditional Rhymes and Stories** where joining in with familiar refrains and reciting rhymes will be encouraged.

## Music with Mrs Milner and Miss Campbell

We are so fortunate to have our lovely music teachers who come in and inspire our children with their songs, percussion and movement. Do use the links below to sing along on your way to school – the children will be amazed that you know 'their' songs.

**Morning School - Spring 2023**

[www.acornnurseryschool.com/spring-morning-school-music-2023/](http://www.acornnurseryschool.com/spring-morning-school-music-2023/)

**Afternoon School - Spring 2023**

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## Diploma Level 3 Early Years Workforce level 3

Mrs Jesson and Mrs Scheub have started this course in conjunction with Highlands College.

If you are interested in gaining this valuable qualification or the degree in childhood studies do please talk to Mrs King or Mrs Scarborough who are 'in house' assessors.

## Christmas Fund Raising

Thanks to several wonderful mothers who baked Christmas cakes for our Raffle, which together with an Acorn donation for a link to the children singing meant that we were able to send £2350 to Kivukoni School in Kenya. They were absolutely thrilled, so thank you.

## Dates for your diary

**Half Term** - Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

**End of term** - Friday 31st March 12.15 pm

**Summer Term 2023**

Wednesday 19th April – Friday 7th July

**Half Term** - Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Further dates on our website.



## World Book Day

**Thursday 2nd March** - Children are invited to come to nursery dressed as characters from books if they would like to, or perhaps just bring in a favourite book to share.

## Birthdays

If you would like to bring in a birthday cake may we ask for bite size sponge cakes without icing or shop bought madeleines. Alternatively you might consider the birthday child brings in a book for nursery instead of cake.

## Afternoon School

A warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. The children have settled well under the experienced care of Mrs Sayers, Mrs Cowsill and Miss Blair and are developing interests in all our afternoon activities.

## Winter weather

Warm, waterproof coats preferably with hoods are everyday essentials. Shoes that children can remove and put back on easily only please - no laces! Named hats to be kept in children's group box and gloves in pockets.



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