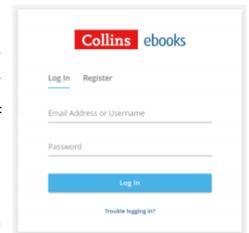


Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you for your support during this first week back. We understand that times are very different at the moment. As you are aware, from next week, week beginning 11/1/21, Nursery is open as normal. Our morning session runs from 8.40am till 11.40am and our afternoon session runs from 12.30pm till 3.30pm. Children can be collected from Nursery anytime between 3.10pm and 3.30pm at the end of the school day.

Routines: The red books that we use in class have been a great opportunity for your children to develop their speaking and listening skills and turn taking, they also promote writing and creativity. The children take great delight in sharing what they have done over the weekend with teachers and their peers. We thank you for your continued support and hard work with this, they look fabulous.

Reading: We have a subscription available for Collins Ebooks. Books have been allocated to your child for them to access. These books are linked to our school reading scheme and are based on our phonics scheme. You hopefully have the log on details in your child's home learning book or in their small weekly red book. To access these books please go to: <http://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/> Please email us if you need any further support with this or you would like more books allocated.



Prime areas: This half term we will be encouraging the children to develop their role play by involving others in their play and building on each other's activities. We will continue to choose a star of the day to promote learning and help the children to welcome and value praise. For our British Value, we will be looking at the rule of law, what a rule is and why it is important.

RE: For RE we will be looking at the story of creation. We will look at how God created the world, what he made first and why. We will create a collage of the Creation story.

5 a day: These are books that we will listen to on a regular basis throughout the half term. We will read different versions of the stories and learn them to a point where the children can verbally retell the stories. The books will cover areas such as Non Fiction, a Bible story, a rhyme, a multicultural/ P4C book (philosophy for children) and a traditional tale. Our books this half term are: Space, Moses and the bulrushes, Hickory Dickory Dock, Baby Bear and The Gingerbread Man.



English - This half term we are looking at 'We're going on bear hunt', linking this to polar bears by going on a polar bear hunt around our school grounds. For our space topic we will be looking at the story 'Whatever next', predicting what will happen in the story and thinking of an alternative ending to the story (What could they see or do in space?). For our dinosaur topic we will focus on the story 'Dinosaur roar', we will use this to

design our own dinosaur.

Maths - In Maths we will continue to look at a number and shape of the week. For the number of the week we will look at representing it in different ways. The children have particularly enjoyed looking at and watching activities related to the Number Blocks. We are starting this half term with the number 5. For the shape of the week we will try and find shapes within our environment, look at how many sides/ corners the shape has and any distinguishing features. We are going to start this half term with looking at the circles. We will also look at positional language, categorising objects in different ways and matching numeral to quantity.

Understanding the world: Our core topics for this half term are Winter, Dinosaurs and Space. We currently have a winter wonderland in Nursery and a polar bear cave. We will transform into a dinosaur land and a space station for each different topic. We will look at changes over time, detailed features of the environment and the world around them and talk about what they have observed. We will also look at Chinese New Year.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will enjoy a range of Winter art activities such as making snowflakes, making pictures using a range of materials such as chalk, glitter and ice paint. We will also make polar bears using paper plates and cotton wool. For Chinese New Year we will chop some vegetables, try some stir fry and make decorations and lanterns using clay.

Partnership with parents is a key aspect of our Early Years Curriculum, so members of the Nursery team will be out by the classroom door each morning if you need to speak to us. We will also always be available to email through the Nursery email or the VLE, so do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Marlborough, Miss Wright, Miss Lafferty and Mrs Demurtas