



Avoncroft Pre-School Nursery

January 2023 – Chinese Year of the Rabbit

We would like to give a special welcome to all our new children (Hugo, Ralph, Oliver, Lulu and Lyra).

It was lovely meeting the new children and their families on Friday 6th January for the stay and play session.

Drop Off Time

We will be continuing with last year's routine at drop off time. Parents will not be allowed into the building, so the children will be dropped off at the door. There will be a member of staff on the door and in the cloakroom to welcome them and to help sort their belongings.

Health Update

We have been advised by Worcestershire County Council, just like before Christmas there are several known nasty illnesses/viruses in the local area. We will do our best to limit the spread of these at nursery. Please help us, by not sending your children if they have a temperature or are not well in themselves. Can you please keep them off for the designated amount of time and DO NOT give them Calpol so they can come to nursery.

Allergies

Please can you avoid sending PEACHES or any products that contain PEACHES.

Updates

Please can you let us know if you have changed any of your child's details i.e. new address or emergency contact numbers.

Please can you let us know if someone else is picking up your child. We will not let your child leave the premise with someone unless you have instructed us to do so. They will also need to know the child's DoB or password.



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Term Dates

Spring Term 2023 (11 Week Term)

Monday 9 th January	Term Starts
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February (inclusive)	Half-term
Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term

Invoices

Following parent feedback last year, we will be sending out the invoices prior to the start of term. This will allow you to set up payment schedules, review your bill, set up voucher schemes etc. This year you can pay online or by childcare vouchers. Please let us know how you will be paying. The invoices show the total fees for the term and how much to pay every month. Payment information will be sent out with the invoice.

EYPP – Early Years Pupil Premium

Last term we put money towards Animal Mania to visit nursery. The children got to meet, hold and stroke different types of animals. They learnt new vocabulary, information about where the animals live and how to care for the different animals.

This term we will be putting the money towards outside professional coming in to support the children's physical development and imagination skills. Please let us know if there are any sessions that you have experienced and recommend to come into nursery.

Fundraising

We are currently trying to raise funds to purchase an interactive table as our old one has broken. If you know of any second hand one's please let us know or have any fundraising ideas. Interactive tables can enhance literacy and numeracy skills through IT skills. It allows the children to interact together by encouraging them to socialise, learn to take turns, work together, share and communicate.



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Weekly Topic

Every week there will be a letter. The children are welcome to bring a toy from home that relates to the letter sound of the week for show and tell. If you do not want to bring the toy in, you could also send a photo on Tapestry! We will also be introducing 2 songs of the week across the term. This will support the children's language development in a fun way. These songs will link to the letter of the week.

We will be continuing to learn about emotions. We will be focusing on emotions as Early Years children feel a range of emotions, but often cannot express, interpret or process them. Research shows that children with poor emotional skills, it could be harder for the children to learn. Behaviour can be an expression of their feeling and emotions.

Week 1 - S

Week 2 – A (Chinese New Year)

Week 3 - T

Week 4 - I

Week 5 – P

Week 6 - N

Home Learning – Letter Sounds

To support the children's learning of letter sounds you could:

- Go on a letter sound treasure hunt in the house/ garden and see how many objects they can find.
- Go on a walk and see how many things they can find of that letter sound.
- Play letter sound 'eye spy' i.e. "I spy with my little eye something beginning with a". Make sure you are saying the phonics sound not the letter itself.

Home Learning - Emotions

To help support the children understand their emotions, you can:

- Label the children's emotions when at home.
- Ask them "how are you feeling?"
- "Why do you do that way?"
- Show pictures of emotions.
- Listen to what the child says.
- Look at their body language, actions, sounds or words used.



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Tapestry

Every child has a Tapestry account. For all the new children, these will be created by 6th January stay and play when all the registration forms have been returned. The parents will then receive an email on how to activate their account. **If you have not received this email, please let us know asap!**

Tapestry is our online learning journal that allows us to send the parents observations of what they have done at nursery home, and also for you to send photos from home. Last term we were blown away by the number of photo's and achievements sent to us via Tapestry. We would love to continue this. If you go to a special event, any home learning activities, days out and WOW moments or even if the children want to show us something from home, please do not hesitate to send it via Tapestry. The children enjoy showing these photos's during show and tell. How to upload photos or videos to Tapestry:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>. You will receive at least 1 observation a week unless your child is off sick or on holiday. When you receive an observation it will say the areas of development it links too such as: physical development etc.

Wow Board

Last term the children helped create a 'WOW' board in nursery. It contains stars with achievements the children have met in nursery. The children themselves with their key worker add their own stars to the board.

We are looking to put photo's of achievements from outside of nursery onto the board too. When your child has achieved something i.e. a certificate for dance, using the toilet for the first time, learning a new song etc, please can you send us a photo on Tapestry or email so the children can add it to the board.

Events

Yoga/ Pilates – Kathryn from KSCIM will continue to teach Yoga/ Pilates on Thursday afternoons. The children really enjoyed this last term. They got to pretend to be fairies, superheroes and animals. This will support the children's anxiety, well-being whilst doing a physical activity.

Dentist Visit – A Dentist will be visiting the nursery in 24th January to teach the children through fun activities how to take care of their teeth.

Library – A librarian will be visiting nursery to talk about the local library and read them a story.

If there are any other activities you feel your child might enjoy, please let us know.