
NEWSLETTER – TERM 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful February half term. The children, (and staff), have all been delighted at our return to sunshine! Long may it last.

Last term was a very busy and exciting one in Nursery. The children absolutely loved learning about 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister and had great fun creating their own beautiful, sparkly rainbow fish. (Apologies to any parents who received what may have felt like 50 rainbow fish creations, it was definitely a firm favourite activity!).

We also thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. The children took part in dragon dancing in the hall and carried out surveys to find out which animal they were in the Chinese zodiac. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored different traditions and celebrations.

This term, our focus text is 'Alan's Big, Scary Teeth' by Jarvis. Through this story, the children will be learning about looking after themselves and developing healthy habits. We will place a strong emphasis on oral health, helping the children understand the importance of brushing their teeth, keeping them clean, and making choices that support their teeth. If any parents know of a dentist, (or are a dentist themselves!), who would be willing to come in and talk to the children about looking after their teeth, we would love to hear from you.

You can find our **learning overview** for this term here: <https://ditchlingprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Learning-Overview-Term-4-weeks-1-5-2026.pdf>

Stay and play

Our next stay and play session is on Wednesday 4th March at 2:30pm. It will be a 'stay and read', to link in with World Book Day. Due to limited space within the nursery, this is unfortunately only for children and their families who already attend a Wednesday session. It would be great to see as many of you as possible, so please do let us know if you will be attending.

World book day is on Thursday 5th March – it would be great to see the children all dressed as their favourite character from a book. They will be participating in a costume parade with the Reception children and will be taking part in a variety of story based activities throughout the day.





Collection/drop off

Please ensure that children are dropped off and collected at their designated times. This is particularly important at lunchtimes as we cannot accept the afternoon children until the morning children have gone home. Children attending a morning session will need collecting at either 11:40am or 12:20pm, (please check with Miss Hemes if you are unsure of your child's session times).

All children should be in nursery by 9:20 AM. The latest after-school club finishes at 4:30 PM, so we kindly ask that children are collected by this time to allow staff to finish promptly.

If you would like to have a longer handover with a member of staff, please arrive earlier to allow time for this, or alternatively, we can arrange a meeting or

telephone call at a more convenient time.

After school club finishes at 4pm or 4:30pm. If you are unsure of your child's start and finish times, please speak with Miss Hemes in the office.

After school club – snack

If your child is booked into after school club with Miss Bryony and Miss Tara, please ensure you have packed a snack in your child's bag for them to have during this session.

Tapestry

Thank you for your continued support on Tapestry. We've loved seeing what the children have been up to during half terms and weekends, and they are always so proud to share their photos with the class.

Please remember to like and comment on posts where you can – we really do enjoy seeing your responses. Just a reminder as well that we have our special 'Family House' in Nursery, where we display photos of the children's families. If you haven't already done so, please upload a family photo to Tapestry so we can print it and add it to our display.

What to pack for nursery

Please ensure children have the following items for their day at nursery:



- A named water bottle
- A packed lunch or booked hot meal
- A waterproof coat with hood
- All in one waterproofs & boots
- A minimum of 3 nappies, plus baby wipes and nappy bags, (for children in nappies)
- At least 1 full spare change of clothes, (extra underwear and trousers recommended)
- In the winter – warm hat, scarf, gloves.
- In the summer – sun hat, (sun cream to be applied at home prior to child's session)

Donations

As always, we are always grateful for parental support. If you have the following items at home that you no longer require, we kindly request donations of:

- Real life dressing up clothes, (small blazers, waistcoats, shirts, flat caps) etc
- Mud kitchen utensils (please NO glass) – spoons, pots and pans, spatulas, whisks, jugs, teapots, etc.
- Water play/sand utensils – plastic measuring jugs, beakers, pipettes, tongs, wooden spoons etc.
- A4 coloured card and paper, notepads, postcards, felt tip pens, pencils (to keep our writing station topped up!)
- Sellotape
- Child safe paint
- Natural resources such as corks, shells, medium stones/rocks (about the size of a child's or adults' fist), pinecones, small log slices



Do let us know if you have anything else that we may be able to use 😊

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 4th March 2:30pm-3pm – Nursery Stay and Read
- 5th March – World Book Day
- 11th March – Class photos (time TBC)
- 20th March – Red Nose Day! Wear something red
- 26th March - End of Term 4
- 27th March – INSET day
- 13th April – Beginning of Term 5
- 4th May – Bank holiday
- 22nd May – End of Term 5
- 1st June 9:30am-10am – Nursery Stay and be active
- 24th June 1:45-3pm – Nursery Sports Day

- 10th July – Washbrooks Farm trip! (No Nursery or wraparound care on this day)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to a member of staff.

Kind regards,

Miss Saffron and The Nursery team