

**Spring Term 1 Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for the new term ahead. We would like to say a big “welcome” to all our new children and their parents/carers who will be starting at Firbeck Nursery this half term.

This half term our topic is called **It’s cold outside**. Our theme is Winter/Polar Animals. We are beginning our topic with the story **One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth.** On Tuesday, the children all enjoyed going on a winter walk around school. During our topic, the children will be learning about polar bears and penguins and the team will be planning activities around the children’s interests. Each week the weekly theme will be displayed on our parents’ notice board.



In Early Years, it is really important to share stories and rhymes with your child. Every day the children have a story time session and we learn a weekly nursery rhyme/counting rhyme. At home, please share a bedtime story with your child. Ask your child questions about the story: Who was in the story? What happened? Did they enjoy the story? If your child has a favourite story, please let us know.



Every day the children have a daily number session. This is a fun 10 minute session with lots of practical work. Our sessions include a special owl character called ‘Quiz’. Quiz helps the children learn all about numbers, number rhymes, shape, measure and problem solving. Please have a look at our parents’ board for our weekly focuses.



If your child is attending our lunchtime session, they will need to bring a packed lunch. Please make sure their packed lunch includes a drink, sandwiches/savoury item and a healthy snack. Please provide a spoon for yogurts and cut up grapes and cherry tomatoes.

During our Nursery activity session, the children have the opportunity to choose outdoor learning. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing for the cold weather: coat, hat, scarf, gloves.

If you would like your child to attend Nursery for a whole day we have spaces for full time sessions. Each extra session is £7.50 for the afternoon or we offer the 30 hours Nursery entitlement. If you are interested in these sessions please talk to Miss Braun.

Finally please speak to myself or another member of the Nursery staff if you have any questions. The Nursery team are really looking forward to the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Braun and the Nursery Team