



## Nursery Newsletter January 2025



### Welcome to our Spring Term!

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the next half term in Nursery. The Nursery team this term is as follows: Miss Smith, Mrs Glentworth, Miss Lee, Miss Watson and Mrs Gibbs, who are looking forward to this next half term and also welcoming some new children to Nursery.

### School Website

Our school website is a great way to keep up to date with everything that is taking place in Nursery. We are constantly updating our web page with important information, as well as photos and videos of the children's learning.

Make sure you visit the Nursery page on the academy website regularly. Find us at [www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Groups' and 'Nursery'.

### Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media account more frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to!



### Communication and Language

This half term in Nursery, we will be focusing on the theme 'On The Move', through our three main focus stories which are, 'Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'We Catch the Bus', 'The Train Ride' and 'Peppa's Chinese New Year'. We will be using these stories to explore the environment and world around us, comparing buildings and looking at maps and directions. We will also be looking at natural features within the world such as rivers, seas, bridges, volcanoes and meadows. This half term also lends itself well to looking at signs of Winter- how does it look? How does it feel? What happens when? And also through exploring ice, looking into freezing and melting. We will also learn about Chinese New Year, how this is typically celebrated in China and taste some of the traditional foods eaten around this celebration.

We will be practising lots of songs and nursery rhymes, as well as starting the Nursery Read, Write, Inc programme. Keep your eye on Tapestry, as I will be sending the sounds home we will be learning each week.

We have some new children starting with us this half term and although they will be involved in all of the above learning opportunities, their main focus will be settling in, showing their interests and dislikes, as well as understanding routines and nursery rules.

### Week 1- Settling new children/ Ice exploration

### Week 2- Map Making

### Week 3- Features in our local community and our world

### Week 4- Chinese New Year- food tasting

### Week 5- Neighbourhood walk- vehicles

### Week 6- THE BIG BUILD- VEHICLES (more information to follow)

### Maths

In maths, we will be looking at numbers 1, 2 and 3, as well exploring the shapes circle and triangle

Can your child recognise numerals 1, 2 and 3?

Can your child find the correct amount of objects to represent a numeral?

Can your child name a shape with the corresponding number of sides?

Can your child begin to write and represent the numeral?



### **Physical**

During this half term, we will be providing lots of learning opportunities, which encourage both gross motor and fine motor movements. We will also continue 'Dough Disco' and 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle', which are programmes designed to help children develop their fine and gross motor muscles.

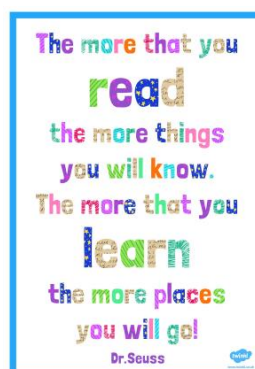
**PE** will be every **Friday**. Please come to Nursery already wearing your PE kit on this day.

- Plain white t-shirt – NO logo/fashion or football tops
- Plain black/navy/grey bottoms or shorts (no logos or stripes) and suitable trainers. **Velcro** fastened trainers (unless your child can tie their own laces).

### **How you can help at home**

We are always keen to work in partnership with parents and the more you can support your child with their everyday learning, the more prepared they will be in their journey throughout their education. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you wish for further help and support with home learning – we can always offer ideas and advice to make learning fun at home!

- Read with your child as much as you can, and share your thoughts with one another about the story.
- Talk about their day at nursery, what they have liked and what they have been learning.
- At home or if you are out in the community, encourage your child to look at and label colours, shapes, count steps, trees or cars and talk about what they can see.



### **Tapestry**

We use Tapestry to share photos and what we are working on with your child in Nursery and ideas of how you can help at home. You can also add photos to Tapestry of special events, news or places you have been, which we will share during 'Tapestry Time'.

### **Nursery Noticeboard**

Please keep an eye on our notice board which is situated at the nursery gate. We change the notices regularly, giving information about learning opportunities, keeping you up-to-date with what is happening and sharing any information that you may need.

### **Home Project**

During this half term, you will be invited to spend some time with your child in Nursery and help to complete a project related to our theme 'On the Move'. More information to follow.

### **Other Information**

Please ensure that ALL of your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their full name. This will help to prevent loss of belongings.

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of plain water to Nursery with them. They are able to help themselves to their water throughout the Nursery session. Full time children may bring a bottle of juice to be consumed with their lunch.

The Nursery Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year to support your child's learning and development.

Kindest Regards,

**The Nursery Teaching Team**