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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our Nursery Newsletter for our first term of 2026.

We are going to be reading these stories together over the next few weeks: Our theme will be **Imagination**.



We will read '**Three Little Pigs**' as we learn about the number three in maths. We will also investigate different building materials and learn about the parts of a house. We will read the story '**Shark in the Park**' by **Nick Sharratt**. This story takes place in a park which is a place that many families have visited. We will learn to roll paper to make a telescope and see what we can see around Nursery. This story has lots of rhyming elements too so we will help children to hear the rhymes and learn to match rhyming words.

The next story is '**Not A Box**' by **Antoinette Portis** this is about a rabbit who likes playing in a box and pretending the box is lots of different things. We will enjoy using our imagination and creating our own box models. If you have any spare cardboard boxes- large or small- we would love for you to bring them in at the end of January to support our learning on this topic.

To support our learning, you could do these activities with your family and share pictures with us on dojo.

- Visit the local park and see what fun things there are to do. Don't forget to wrap up warm and wear your gloves!
- Play with boxes. What could you imagine your box to be?
- Build a den from things around your house like cushions, blankets. You could use a torch and read inside it.

We will continue to teach phonics through activities to support your children's listening, attention and language skills. Each week we will focus on a new letter

sound, ask the nursery staff and we will be happy to share which sound we are learning each week.

As mathematicians, we will be continuing our work on numbers and our skills of subitising, counting and patterns. Subitising is learning to see 'how many' things there are without counting them.

- At home you could count how many people are at the table for dinner.
- On your walk to school or to visit family, see if you can spot any numbers on doors, signs or car number plates.

Don't forget to apply for your child's place in Reception for September 2026. The closing date is 15th January 2026 and you will find out the school your child will attend in April 2026.

If you need help completing this form, please see a member of the nursery staff.

You can find full information here <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-district-s-schools/>

Nursery '**stay and play**' sessions are every Tuesday when you drop your child off at school. We would like to invite you to join your child for half an hour at the beginning of their nursery session. This provides the opportunity for your child to share with you their favourite things to do while they are in nursery.

We will continue to play outside in all weathers, so please make sure your child has a **waterproof coat every day**. This time of year, with the cold weather, we are practising getting ourselves dressed in hats scarves and gloves. You can support your child's independence by letting them do it by themselves at home too.

We would like to ask that you **bring a bag with spare clothes** as children can get wet from playing in the water, washing their hands or having a toilet accident. If your child is ready to move out of nappies, please speak to the class teacher as we want to support your child with this.

Being messy is an important part of the nursery journey, and your children will be encouraged to join in with messy activities. We ask that you embrace this messy fun with them and encourage them to 'get messy' each day.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Nursery Team