



January 2025

Dear Nursery Families,

SPRING TERM 2025

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to get stuck into our second term in F1. We are so proud of how well our children have settled back into Haydn Nursery life and we look forward to a busy, fun and engaging term together.

Our Topics

Our learning in the first half of this term will be linked to winter and animals that live in cold lands. We will investigate the winter weather and learn how different animals keep warm. We will read and retell the story of 'One Snowy Night' and will even meet the main character - Percy the Park Keeper! Percy will encourage us to make feeders for the birds to help keep them fed over the winter months. Other stories of the week include 'Cuddly Dudley' and non-fiction books about Polar animals. Just before half term break, we will celebrate Chinese New Year.

Our second part of spring term is titled, 'Time for Tea!' We will learn all about our bodies and how to keep them healthy. We will enjoy reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' as our special story and our home corner will be transformed into our very own café. As part of this project, we will visit a real café in the local community! Further information will be sent in a separate letter.

Festivals, Seasons and Traditions

Chinese New Year falls on Wednesday 29th January this year. In nursery, we will be celebrating the festival on the week commencing 10th February. The children will have the chance to taste Chinese food, create artwork, sing songs and join in with a dragon parade all the way around school! We will also be celebrating the spring festivals of Mother's Day, (look out for an invitation to our Mother's Day Café) and Easter, where we will take part in an Easter egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade.

Letter Sound of the Week

Every Monday, we will continue to introduce a new letter sound to the children. It would be lovely if the children could bring in an object from home to add to our display each week. We will continue to update you each week via our class Dojo page. Please remember, we do not allow the children to bring other toys to nursery.

Rhyme of the week

Every week, we will learn rhymes based around our topics and themes. Keep a look out on the notice boards and Class Dojo for our rhyme of the week. Our notice boards also include events to look out for, our class calendar and a Birthday display - these are changed regularly so please do look at them with your child, especially when they have their birthday coming up!

Outdoor Play

The outdoor area offers so much to children at all times of the year and in all types of weathers. It is an essential and planned area where important learning takes place. The different weathers allow children to do lots of exploring and investigating and they have fun at the same time. As the spring approaches, we plan to

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develop our wildlife garden area where we can grow different plants to encourage different wildlife into the garden. If there are any parents or carers who have an interest in gardening and could afford to give a little time on a regular basis to work with small groups of children, please let us know. Your help would be most valuable to both us and the children.

Please remember to pack your child with a named hat, scarf and gloves in these colder months.

Activity Fund

As agreed at the parents meeting at the start of the year, we have been collecting £10 activity fund money from each family to buy ingredients for food preparation and special art activities. This amount covers the whole Nursery year. Many thanks to the parents and carers who have already sent in their contribution. **A little reminder for any parents who have not yet contributed or have chosen to pay termly that we are now collecting in this term's contribution. We realise that if your child started Nursery after our initial September intake you may not be aware of our activity fund – please talk to your group leader.**

We thank you in anticipation.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead. As always, your help at Nursery is very welcome and gratefully received. **Please remember to check Class Dojo for other information throughout the term.**

Yours sincerely,

The Nursery Team