

January 2025

Dear Nursery Families,

### SPRING TERM 2026

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 have welcomed our new starters. We look forward to another busy and magical term together.

#### **Our Topics**

Our first learning topics link to winter and cold lands. We will investigate the winter weather and learn how to keep warm. We will read and retell the stories 'One Snowy Night', 'Cuddly Dudley' and other 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 how to keep our bodies 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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February this year. Across Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), we will be celebrating this vibrant festival on the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> February. The children will enjoy a range of activities such as tasting Chinese food, making shakers and taking part in lion dancing. At the end of the week, we will enjoy a Chinese New Year Parade around our whole school! This term 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 (we will be holding an 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 and will upload a video of a member of staff revealing and pronouncing this sound. Please remember, we do not allow the children to bring other toys to nursery.

Underpinning this learning will be all the important skills that the children are developing throughout their pre-school year. We are strengthening our fine motor skills which will help the children use small tools such as scissors, pens, paintbrushes and Lego. We are continuing to learn songs, rhymes and stories to help develop communication and language abilities. Most importantly, we are continuing to build independence and help the children to feel confident in self-care skills such as dressing, using the toilet, eating, listening and self-regulation.

#### **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 to work with small groups of children, or, if you are able to donate any bulbs and/or flower seeds, 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/mittens. If your child is missing any winter clothing, please check the blue tray in our nursery corridor.

**Activity Fund**

At the start of the year, we collected £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 sent in their voluntary contributions. **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. We update this daily.**

Yours sincerely,

The Nursery Team