

Fountain Nursery Unit

Newsletter - January 2023



Nursery Teacher: Mrs Graydon

Nursery Assistant: Mrs Craig

Through our play we are learning to:

- Zip up our own coat
- Recognise and name the digits 1 to 5
- Recognise and name 4 common 2D shapes - circle, square, rectangle and triangle



Vocabulary used throughout our play:

- Words relating to winter - snow, ice, penguins, polar bears, winter clothes, etc.
- Names of people who help us - firefighter, police officer, doctor, hairdresser, etc.
- Question words - who, what, when, where, why.
- Shapes and numbers



THINGS TO DO AT HOME

- Talk about seasonal changes in winter
- Talk about the need to wear warm clothes in winter
- Talk about people who help us in the environment
- Play hospitals, hairdressers, etc.



STORIES

We will be reading lots of stories around the themes of Winter and People Who Help Us. Please encourage your child to become familiar with favourite stories and to re-tell them using the pictures. Maybe you could record your child reading one of their favourite books and send it to me via Seesaw.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 5th January - School re-opens

Tuesday 10th January - Nursery and Primary 1 application forms available online from 12 noon

Friday 27th January - Nursery and Primary 1 applications end at 12 noon.

THEMES: WINTER & PEOPLE WHO HELP US



Children will be:

- Learning about seasonal changes in winter and how we should dress appropriately for it
- Learning about animals which live in cold countries
- Taking on the roles of different people who help us
- Listening to stories about winter and people who help us
- Learning new songs relating to the theme

Monthly Language Message



Kind words and gentle touch

...help me explore and learn so much

Evidence

'The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice' Peggy O'Mara

UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative Theory of Change document states that responsive parenting is crucial for early childhood development and for physical and emotional wellbeing. A close and loving relationship impacts on a baby's brain development and wellbeing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Primary 1 applications will be available on the EA website from Tuesday 10th January 2022.** If you would like more information about our school prior to this, please contact Mrs Arthur or Mrs Graydon
- **All hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers, etc. MUST be named**
- **REMINDER** - Parents should **NOT** use the school car park when dropping off and collecting their child from school. If arriving by taxi, please ensure they drop you off outside the school gates also. Thank you.

WALK & STRIDE



Songs and Rhymes January 2023

It Is Winter

(To the tune of 'Are You Sleeping?')

It is winter,
It is winter,
Oh, so cold!
Oh, so cold!
Icy, snowy weather,
Long nights and short days,
Winter's here!
Winter's here!



Five Little Firefighters

Five little firefighters
(show five fingers)
Sleeping in a row.
(rest cheeks on hands & close eyes)
Ring goes the bell-
Down the pole they go.
(Pretend to slide down pole)
They jump on the engine
(Jump Up)
And put out the fire.
(Pretend to squirt with a hose)
Now they're back home-
My, but they're tired.
(Stretch and yawn.)

Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen standing in a row,
Each had two eyes and a carrot nose,
Along came the sun and shone all day.
And one little snowman melted away.



Four little snowmen
Three little snowmen
Two little snowmen
One little snowman

Penguins

Have you ever seen a penguin?
A penguin? A penguin?
Have you ever seen a penguin
Waddle this way and that?
Waddle this way and that way?
Waddle this way and that way?
Have you ever seen a penguin
Waddle this way and that?



Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick.
So she phoned for the doctor to be quick, quick,
quick.

The doctor came with his bag and hat,
And knocked at the door with a rat tat tat.

He looked at the dolly and shook his head,
And said "Miss Polly put her straight to bed."
He wrote a pad for a pill, pill, pill.
I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill.

Peter Works With One Hammer

Peter works with one hammer, one hammer,
one hammer,
Peter works with one hammer, All day long.
(bang one fist throughout)

Peter works with two hammers.....
(bang two fists)

Peter works with three hammers.....
(bang two fists and one foot)

Peter works with four hammers.....
(bang two fists and two feet)

Peter works with five hammers.....
(bang two fists, two feet and nod head)

Peter's very tired now, tired now, tired now,
Peter's very tired now, time to go to sleep.
(lie down and pretend to sleep)

Peter's wide awake now, awake now, awake now,
Peter's wide awake now, this fine day.
(jump up)

The Winter Pokey

(To the tune of 'The Hokey-Pokey')

You put your right mitten in,
You take your right mitten out.
You put your right mitten in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the winter pokey, [shiver]
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

You put your left mitten in....
You put your right boot....
You put your left boot....
You put your long scarf in....
You put your warm cap in....
You put your snowsuit in....

