



Nursery Newsletter Term 3 (January - April 2025)

Happy New Year 2025



Happy New Year. We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break.

A warm welcome to all our new Nursery parents, carers and children, we hope you are all settling into a new routine. It is lovely to see how well the children are settling back into Nursery after the holidays and how well our new children have settled.

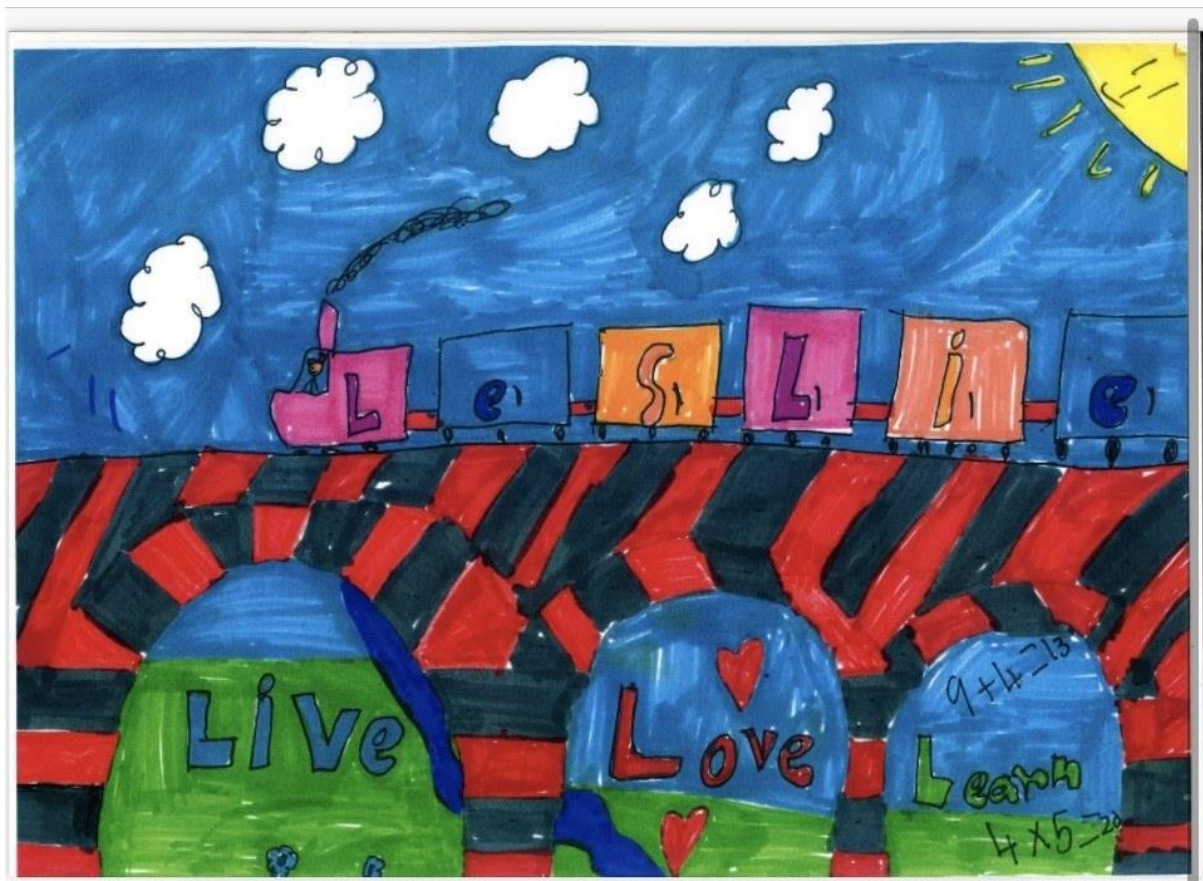
Term 3 is a busy term, with lots of opportunities for family learning planned as well as shared starts and finishes. It is also this term where we start our transition programme for our children who will be starting School in August 2025.

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions for us, please contact Mrs Fraser or one of the Nursery team. We really value your feedback and aim to give our children and their families the best Nursery experience.

Kind regards

Mrs Fraser (DHT) and The Nursery Team

Our Vision, Values and Aims for Nursery and School



Our Vision is: Building the Bridge to Brilliance

Our Values are: Live, Love, Learn at Leslie.



1 - Live



2 - Love



3 - Learn

Our aims are:

From Nursery to P7 we are paving the way for our children to...

- Achieve in all aspects of their life
- Develop skills for learning, life and work
- Develop the four capacities
- Understand that failure is part of achieving success
- Understand their own moral purpose and live a life with values and integrity that are established through informed choices

Staffing



A wee update on our staffing:

Miss Kane is working full-time from now until June 2025.

Mrs Paterson will be working part-time (11.30-3.30pm) from now until April 2025, covering Miss McCaffery's maternity post until Miss Mc Caffery returns in April.



4 - Miss Kane - Full-time



5 - Mrs Paterson - Covering Maternity Post



6 - Miss Mc Caffery - maternity leave

Child Protection



Within School/ Nursery our staff have annual Child Protection updates, all of our nursery staff have attended Child Protection Training. We have our own Safeguarding Policy within the School/Nursery. In School/ Nursery the Child Protection Co-ordinator is Mrs Mc Lean (Headteacher) and the Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator is Mrs Fraser (Depute Headteacher).



7 - Mrs Mc Lean -Child Protection Co-ordinator



8 - Mrs Fraser - Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator

SIMOA



We want to introduce Simoa, the elephant, to all our families.

Simoa always remembers:

Safe

Be alert to all potential risks in your setting.

Inspect

Look around and inspect the environment to make sure a child can't leave an area without staff or their parent/carer.

Monitor

Regularly check that all children are accounted for particularly when they are outside, on outings or using transport.

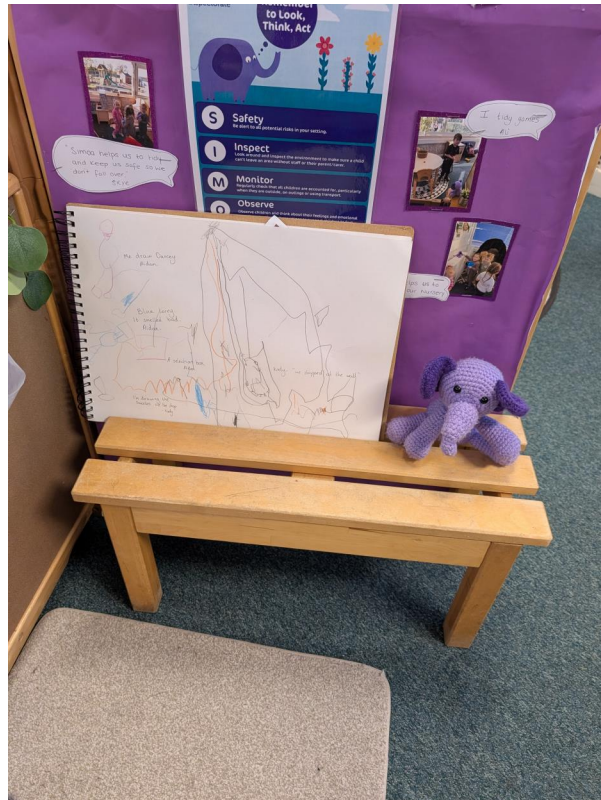
Observe

Observe children and think about their feelings and emotional security – use these observations to support children to feel loved and secure.

Act

Assess and take action to keep children safe.

The children use SIMOA (elephant) to ensure safety and wellbeing within/ outwith the Nursery Playroom.

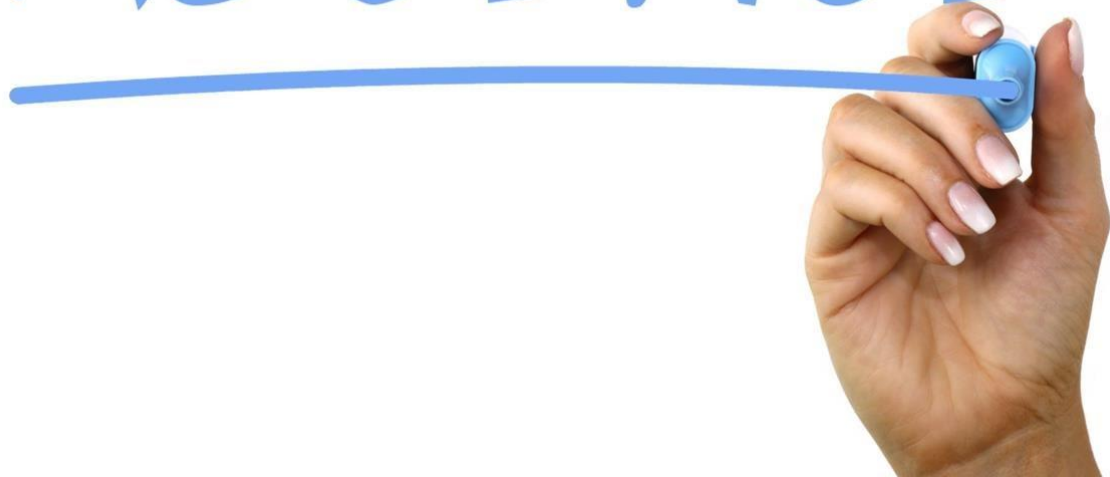


9 - SIMOA display in Nursery



Attendance

ABSENCE



If your child is absent from Nursery, please can you let us know.

The school office is open from 8.30pm-4pm. You can either call the school on 01592 583433, text: 07860 003788 or email leslieps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be kept at home for at **least 48 hours** after the last episode, in line with Fife Council Policy.

Nursery Improvement Plan



Within our Nursery we have two Improvement priorities this year which are:

Focused Priority 1: To refine and review medium term planning including effective planning for individuals and groups of learners.

Focused Priority 2: Plan our delivery of learning across the whole curriculum to ensure our children have the highest quality experiences.

As a staff team we have been focusing on these Improvement Priorities, and hope you see the improvements we are making to ensure your child has the best Nursery experience. We will be sharing more information with regards to our continued work in our Nursery Improvement Priorities.







Speech and Language





10 - Mairi Cowley is our link Speech and Language Therapist. You may see her in the Nursery working with some of our children. Staff have worked closely with Mairi over last year and this year to support the children with their early communication. Mairi has delivered sessions to the staff to support with Signalong and Communication High 5. Mrs Thorpe will be continuing to lead on Signalong and sharing the signs the children have been learning via SEESAW.



11 - Signalong.

If you would like some additional information or have any concerns with regards to your child's Speech and Language, you can contact the SALT advice line for parents/carers on Tuesdays between 14:00-16:00 and Thursdays between 10:00-12:00 to speak to a therapist for reassurance or advice. Advice line: [01592 226699](tel:01592226699)

Educational Psychologist - Malcolm Mc Govern



Malcolm Mc Govern is our Educational Psychologist for Nursery and School. You may see him in the Nursery observing and working with staff to support children with Additional Support Needs.

SEESAW

In Nursery we use See–Saw as a way of communicating with our families. We want to share your child/children's learning experiences with their families so you are part of their learning journey. In term 1 we sent home instructions how to access Seesaw and provided you with your child's/ children's log in details, username and password. If you are having any problems accessing SEESAW please let one of the team know and we are happy to support with this.

Your child's SEESAW will be updated weekly with a post of their learning, the post uploaded may not always be from your child's keyworker. Our Nursery Teacher - Miss Hock will be uploading learning experiences on a fortnightly basis to SEESAW. There may be additional posts added from myself (Mrs Fraser) with regards to key information and events.

Can we ask that if you are sharing absences or lunch orders for your child that this is done by contacting the school office rather than on SEESAW as staff are unable to check SEESAW regularly throughout the day and information may be missed, thank you for your support.

Please be sure to check your child's SEESAW regularly.

Personal Learning Journal (PLJ)

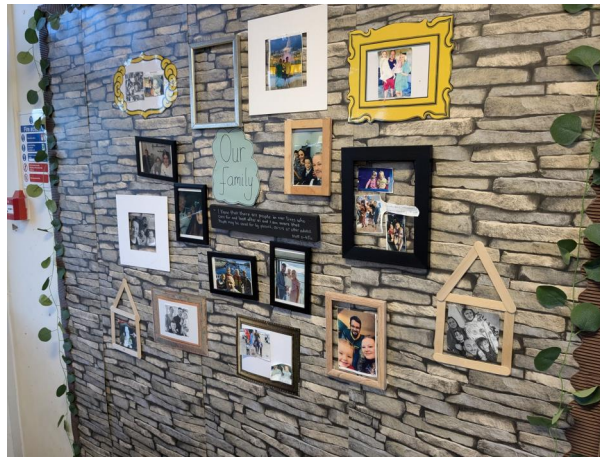


Every child has a folder containing their Personal Learning Journey (PLJ). Your child's keyworker is responsible for recording your child's achievements and learning in Nursery.

The children have free access to their own PLJs within nursery, they can look at it and add to their folder at any time. These folders are kept in the nursery on a shelf accessible to the children. Families, also have the opportunity to take their child's PLJ home to look at, ideally we ask if this can be at a weekend as staff are continually updating your child's PLJ with observations from their learning experiences.

We want to celebrate all of our children's achievements and would encourage you to help us celebrate these achievements by sharing with us, your child's achievements out with Nursery. These can be shared through SEESAW or a photograph/ sheet within your child's PLJ so we can share these on our 'Wider Achievement Display'.

We ask that all families Sign the 'All About Me Sheets' at the beginning of their child's PLJs.



12 - Family Wall



13 - Wider Achievement Display

Keyworker Chats

All of our families will have an opportunity to speak with their child's keyworker about their child's learning and next steps within their learning. These will take place on week commencing: Monday 10th February 2025 until Friday 21st February 2025. There will be a sheet in the parent/carer area with your child's keyworker and available times. The dates are below:

Monday 10th February - Mrs Young - AM

Monday 10th February - Miss Dunn - PM

Tuesday 11th February - Mrs McKie - PM

Monday 17th February - Mrs Thorpe - AM

Monday 17th February - Mrs Brown - PM

Wednesday 19th February - Mrs Sullivan - AM

Wednesday 19th February - Mrs Paterson - PM

Thursday 20th February - Mrs Jones - AM

Thursday 20th February - Miss Kane - PM

If there is already a planned review meeting for your child, there is no need to make a keyworker appointment on the above dates.

Bookbug



Bookbug is Scotland's universal early years book gifting programme that aims to inspire a love for stories, songs and rhymes from an early age. At Leslie we love to share stories, songs

and rhymes and one of the many ways we provide these opportunities is through Bookbug. We would like to invite you to come along to our Bookbug sessions with your child, this allows you to build bonds and develop relationships with your child but most importantly a time to have some 1 to 1 time with your child and have fun. The Bookbug sessions will be held by Mrs Sullivan or Mrs Brown. The sessions will run on Tuesday on a three weekly rota alongside Family Learning and Outdoor Learning.

Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 7th January 1.30pm

Tuesday 28th January 1.30pm

Tuesday 18th February 1.30pm

Tuesday 11th March 1.30pm

Tuesday 1st April 1.30pm

Bookbug - Term 3		
Which Afternoon would you prefer Bookbug?		
Days of Week	Tally Marks	Total
Monday		5
Tuesday		9
Wednesday	I	6
Thursday		2
Friday		4



14 - Our feedback from families about which day they would prefer Bookbug.

Lending Library



We would like to encourage and promote 'Our Lending Library'. The purpose of our Lending Library is to foster a love of reading for the children by providing access to a variety of books.

We hope this will allow families to share reading at home, support early Literacy skills and vocabulary development.

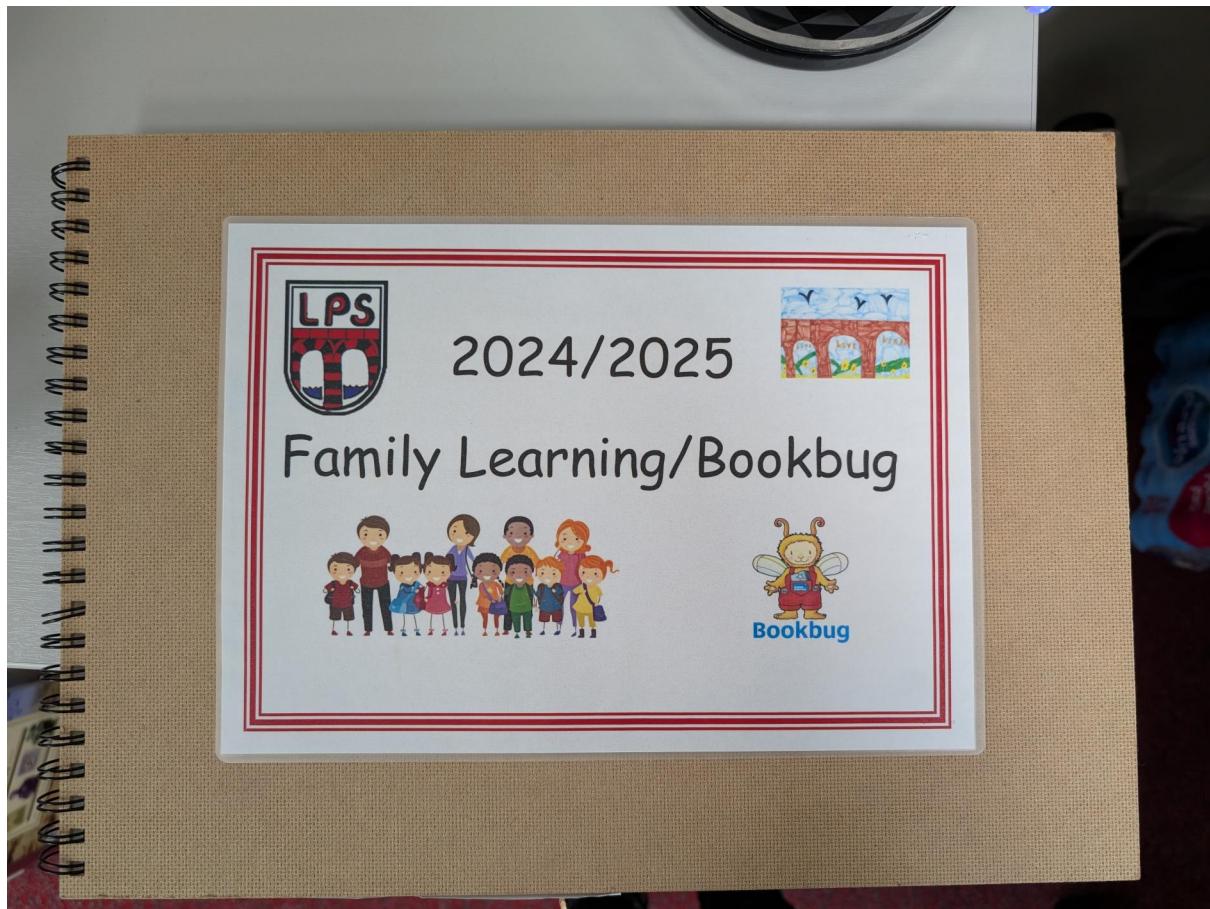
Please help yourself to a book but be sure to complete the sign in and out sheet. We would encourage our families to make use of the lending library and value your feedback.



15 - Sign in/out sheet



Family Learning - PEEP



Mrs Brown/ Mrs Sullivan will be running our Family Learning Sessions every third Tuesday.
The first session is on: **Tuesday 21st 9.30-10.30am**

Dates for Term 3 are:

Tuesday 11th February 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 4th March 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 25th March 9.30-10.30am

We hope our families are able to attend these sessions. The sign up sheet for these sessions will be in the parent area and it will be shared on SEESAW.

Stay and Play



We would like to invite our families into the Nursery to have some Stay and Play sessions with your child. We will be limiting our numbers and ask **one adult per child** with a limit of 12 in each session.

Dates are as follows:

Wednesday 22nd January - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

Thursday 23rd - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

Wednesday 19th February - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

Thursday 20th February- Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

Wednesday 12th March - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

Thursday 13th March - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

Wednesday 2nd April - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

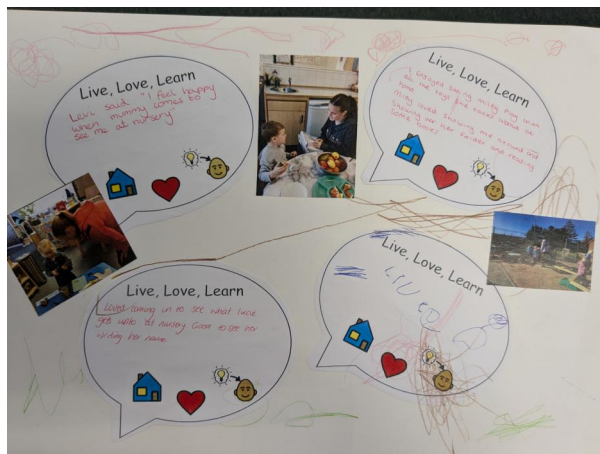
Thursday 3rd April - Stay and Play (10-10.30 & 2-2.30pm)

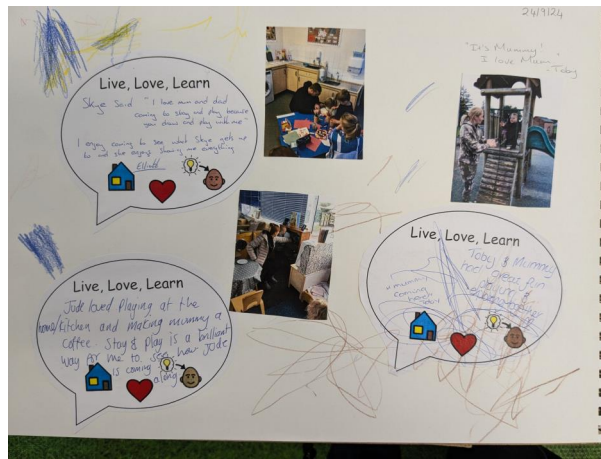
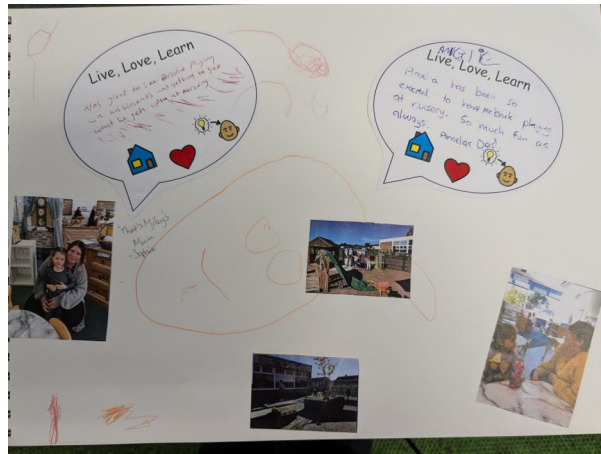
Some feedback from our families are:

"Nice to see my child being independent and getting herself a drink and snack"

"Love seeing how excited my child is in the Nursery environment showing me all the areas she loves. She is so happy at Nursery, it is great."

We will put a register sheet in the foyer (parent area), where you can sign up for the Stay and Play session, if you are unable to attend there are plenty more opportunities to come into Nursery for Bookbug/ Family Learning/ Outdoor Learning sessions on a Tuesday.





SNACK

Our children have the opportunity to have snack during Nursery, we provide them with a variety of different options for snack, adhering to health promotion 'Setting the Table' guidance. There is also access to milk and water throughout the Nursery day, the children are encouraged to independently access water/milk, adult support given when required. Therefore there is no need to provide your child with a water bottle as they have free flow access to water/milk.

If you are able to and would like to make a contribution to our Nursery fund weekly, it would be greatly appreciated.



16 - Snack Area





Lunches



Nursery Lunch choices:

There is a board in the entrance foyer with the lunch options for children to pop their name into their lunch choice, we ask our families to support their child/children to use this system every morning.

Our children have access to the dinner hall within the school to eat their lunch.



17 - Nursery lunch options



P.E



Our PE day is a Friday AM/PM. The children have an opportunity to opt into and access the gym hall where staff provide experiences to extend their learning through physical activities to develop gross motor skills.

Nature Garden

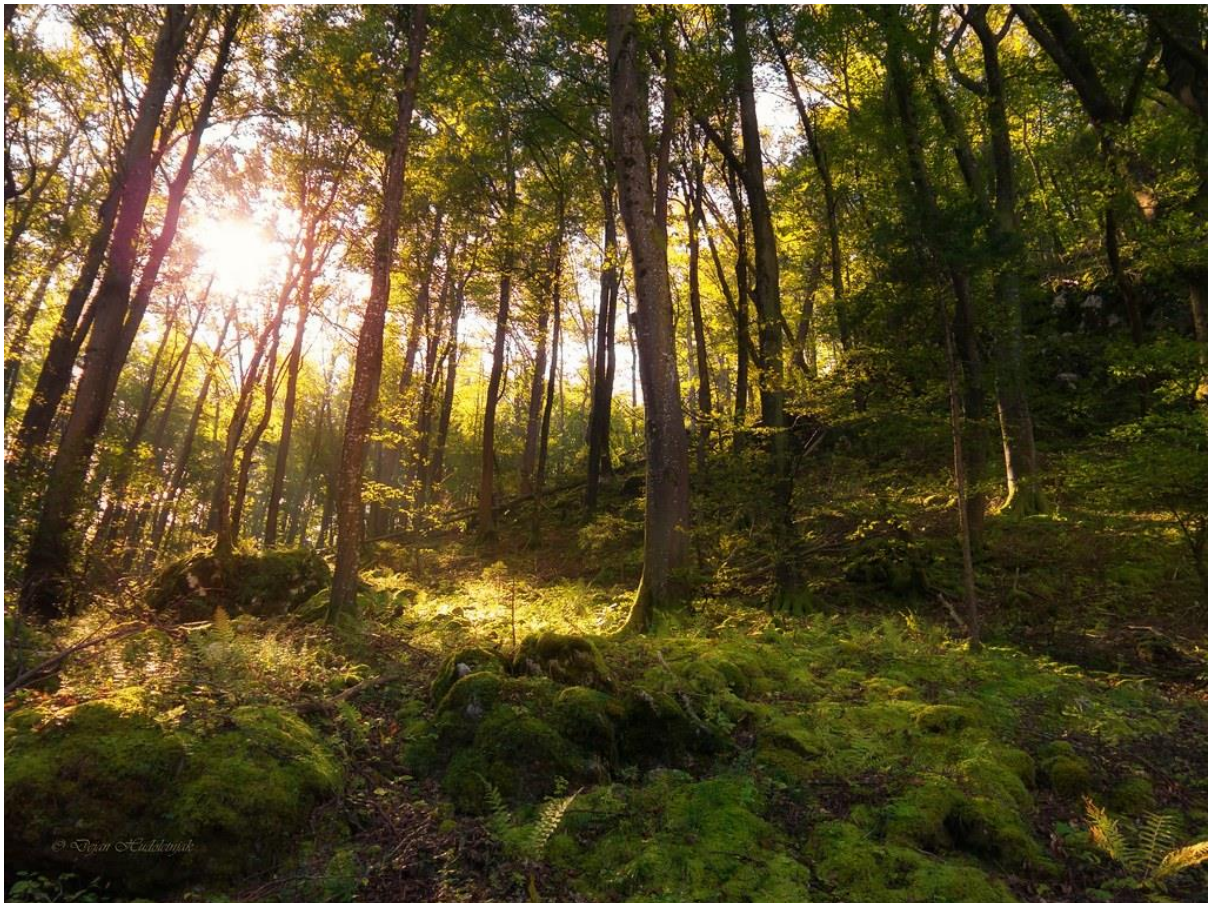


We are planning to provide 'Forest Kindergarten', offering the children frequent, regular play opportunities outdoors in a natural outdoor setting, using our Nature Garden. Nursery have the opportunity to access the Nature Garden on a Monday PM and Thursday AM, to further extend their learning experiences outdoors in a safe environment allowing curiosity, creativity and exploration of nature.





Outdoor Learning - Environmental Walks



This term we will be focusing on Environmental Walks - looking at our local community. This would be an opportunity for parents/carers to be involved and be part of their child's outdoor learning, focusing on Literacy and Numeracy. These sessions will be held every third Tuesday in the morning and afternoon.

There will be a list of children (in the parent area) who will be attending in the morning or afternoon with the opportunity for the parent/carer to sign up to attend these outdoor learning sessions.

These sessions will be on:

Tuesday 14th January (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Tuesday 4th February (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Tuesday 25th February (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Tuesday 18th March (9.30am and 1.30pm)

Change of Clothing



If you can ensure your child has a change of clothes within their bag, for various reasons. Our children are out in all weathers and can sometimes get their clothes wet. We do ensure your child has appropriate outdoor wear as we have outdoor suits, however there may be times when your child needs a change of clothes. Thank you for your continued support.



We ask if parents/carers can please label their child's belongings e.g clothes and packed lunches.

We are aware that the cloakroom can be very busy at the start and end of the day so please ask that **'one'** adult comes into the cloakroom for their child.

Important Dates - In Nursery

21-27 May 2012					May 2012 21-27		
Day	Time	Description			Task	Done	
Mon 21			●	●			
Tue 22			●	●			
Wed 23			●	●			
Thu 24			●	●			
Fri 25			●	●			
Sat 26			●	●			
Sun 27			●	●			

Friday 25th January - Burns Day

Wednesday 29th January - Chinese New Year

Monday 10th February - Internet Safety Week

Monday 10th February - Keyworker Chats

Tuesday 18th February - Learning Partnership (HT/DHT visit)

Tuesday 4th March - Pancake Day

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Thursday 20th March - First Day of Spring

Wednesday 26th March - Mother's Day

**School Holidays**

Thursday 13th February 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Spring - Monday 7 Apr 2025 - Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Summer - Friday 4th July 2025 - Fri 15 Aug 2025

In-Service days

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Tuesday 3rd June 2025