



# Nursery

## Spring 1 Newsletter

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Please include all three Nursery Teachers in your emails to ensure you have the quickest response. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events

Monday 8th January 2024  
school closed for staff training day

Tuesday 9th January 2024  
school re-opens to all children

#### Cook Stars Workshop

Children will be taking part in a fun Cook Stars workshop making healthy snacks that we hope to enjoy in the future during snack time!

Tuesday 30th January

Look out for a letter with more information

#### NSPCC Numbers Day

Friday 2nd February

#### Online Safety

Tuesday 6th February

Friday 9th February 2024  
School closes for Half Term

Monday 19th February 2024  
School reopens for Spring 2

### Messages

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had the most magical Christmas and have made memories to treasure. We welcome all of our new friends and families and are excited to start your child's Griffin journey with you.

This half term, our theme is 'Bears Around the World' the children will focus on traditional tales and through non-fiction texts, they will discover the hot climate in Asia and cold climates in the Arctic.

Our key fiction text is: Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Ladybird.

Our key non-fiction text is: A Book of Bears: at home with bears around the world by Kate Viggers.

### Spring 1-Bears Around the World

**Communication and Language-** The children will continue to develop their vocabulary; learning the functions of objects e.g. know a sponge is for washing.

**PSED-** The children will begin to show effortful control; waiting for a turn and resisting to urge to grab what they want. They will play with one or more children, extending and elaborating play ideas.

**Physical Development-** The children will show preference for a dominant hand and will use large and small motor skills to do things independently e.g. manage buttons and zips .

**Literacy-** The children will continue to develop their phonological awareness. They will enjoy looking at books and listening to stories being read to them. They will engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Children will continue to develop their pen grip and practise drawing lines and shapes.

**Maths-** In Maths, the children will continue their learning of numbers 1-5, with a focus on mastery of the numeral 3. They will enjoy sorting and learning about the 2d shape, triangle. Children will investigate and explore length and height.

**Expressive Arts and Design-** The children will learn and perform the song and actions to 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the Bears' and enjoy bear themed crafts.

**Understanding the World-** Children will look at maps and will discover different countries of the world and compare hot and cold climates.