



# 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 6th January 2025  
school closed for staff training day

Tuesday 7th January 2025  
school re-opens to all children

### Mini Performance

We are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to a mini performance on Thursday 13th February. Time TBC.

The children will practise and perform a song and tell you some 'beary' interesting information about their learning from this Half Term.

### Teddy Bears' Picnic

Date to follow

Friday 14th February 2025  
School closes for Half Term

Monday 24th February 2025  
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, Bears, Everywhere!'. The children will focus on traditional tales and through non-fiction texts, they will discover the contrasting environments for bears.

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, Bears Everywhere!

**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-** In our weekly Jigsaw sessions we will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be talking about setting goals, feeling proud and using kind words to encourage and help our friends.

**Physical Development-** The children will develop their scissor skills by cutting along a curved line. They will practise important life skills including fastening zips and buttons and using cutlery to cut up their food at lunch time.

**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 size.

**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 map Goldilock's journey and will explore the differences between hot and cold.