



Nursery Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful festive break and are now ready for the start of a new term ahead. It has been wonderful seeing the existing children settle back in this week and we welcome all the new starters. There will always be a few tears so please remember that every day is a learning curve for these young children!

We have included as much information in this newsletter for the next term's activities so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions.

Mrs George, Mrs Riley, Miss Carnell, Miss Sherstone, Miss Maddocks, Miss Beech, Mrs Gallimore, Miss Mathieson, Miss Trayler, Miss Bresnahan and Mrs Badcock.

Staffing

Please feel free to speak to any member of the team in Nursery:

Mrs George - Deputy Headteacher/Early Years Leader

Miss Sherstone - EYFS/KS1 lead and teacher

Mrs Riley - Teacher

Miss Carnell - Teacher

Miss Maddocks - LSA

Mrs Gallimore - LSA

Miss Beech - LSA

Miss Mathieson - LSA

Miss Trayler—LSA

Miss Smith—LSA

Miss Bresnahan - HLTA

Mrs Badcock - Speech and Language Therapist

Timings of the day

Morning session: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoon Session: 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Full day session: 9.00am - 3.15pm



If you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours free funding, please visit the website:

www.stockport.gov.uk/funded-childcare-for-3-and-4-year-olds/30-hours-funded-childcare

Uniform

Remember to label all uniform.



Jewellery - The only Jewellery allowed will be a simple wrist watch and small flat stud earrings (worn at their own risk) on days when they do not have sporting activities. The children will need to remove these for all sporting/physical activity. If a child wearing earrings from Monday next week cannot remove them by themselves for activities, then parents will be expected to come in to remove them, before they can take part in sporting activities or attend after school sports.

Rewards

We will reward children who act like a Westmorland Warrior, and demonstrate our school values of:

Willpower

Achievement

Respect

Reflection

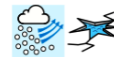
Independence

Organisation and

Reliability



Rain/Snow/Hail!



Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat that fastens, in case of the typical changeable Manchester weather! In particular gloves and a warm hat in this icy spell we have been having.



We love learning outdoors so will go out in every weather.

Independence

Independence is key to the children learning in Nursery and getting them ready for reception.

Please ensure your child is getting ready for school in the morning, putting on their own clothes, socks, shoes and clothes and of course zipping up their own coat.

Make sure your child practices pulling up and down their own underwear for helping them independently go to the toilet and help them by making sure they have a good toileting routine of **wiping and washing hands**.

Taking responsibility of their own book bag, helping to prepare their own lunch and carrying their own things will all help with their independence.

Attendance

It is vital that your children attend school **every day!**

We understand that children get ill sometimes but anything over 5 days a year is deemed as excessive. Just missing an odd day here and there is so detrimental to your child's learning and they can miss essential learning opportunities.

If your child is absent, remember you can now email school on this address:

absence@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk

Speaking to the teacher

We operate an open door policy where we encourage you to tell us anything that will help us teach your child with maximum impact every day.

It is also important to note that during the hours of school time, the teachers **MUST** be teaching and supervising your children. This means that they will need to go in with their children at the start of the day.

This is to ensure that all children are safe and we maximise the learning time.

There are support staff to pass on a message or you can leave a message at the office.

We thank you with your support with this.

Topics

Your child will be learning about **Jungle animals and minibeasts** within the term at Nursery up until Easter. Please help them by talking to your child and asking questions about animals and minibeasts so that they can begin to identify some and remember their names, maybe through playing at home.

We also have an exciting visit from **Animal magic** to look forward to!



Writing workshops!



It was so lovely to see so many of you at our reading workshop.

We have now planned a **writing** workshop as it is so important for the children to 'mark make'.

You will have the opportunity to hear how your child will be taught, expectations of the year group and they will be able to answer any questions you might have!

Please come and join your child to take part in some brilliant activities.

This will be on:

11th March @2.30

12th March @ 9.15

We look forward to welcoming you there!

Rocket Phonics

In nursery your children will be taught sounds to hear to make words to help them to start their journey to being readers.

For your child's online books we have the website: <https://boost-learning.com>

Add your child's full name in lower case.

Password: westmorland1

Here you can enjoy online reading books with your child.



Parent Pay

We are a cashless school. School visits, dinner money and snack money need to be paid using this.

You will receive a code and instructions of how to set up your account ASAP. If you haven't got this already please speak to staff in the school office.

Remember, you can pay for more than one week if this is easier and more convenient for you.

Breakfast club

If you would like your child to go to breakfast club, it is usually open every school day from 7.45am, through the hall doors and costs £2.50 Your child needs to be in by 8.20am.

Breakfast club needs to be paid in cash on the day.



Snack money

We provide your child with a daily snack this includes; toast, biscuits, cereal, fruit and milk.

Please remember to pay £1.00 every Sunday to ensure that your child can have their snack.



Fun things this term



Thursday 6th March is World Book Day!

Keep the date in mind as we will be planning some brilliant activities in school this week in the next half term.

Talking

Talking is vital especially at the start of the children's journey through school.

Encourage your child to talk about what they have been doing at school, what they are having for tea and what they are looking forward to the next day.

Reading a bedtime story is a wonderful opportunity to share talk.

Reading books

Your child will come home with a book to share. Please share a book every day - it can be the same book or different ones. When a child shares a story, they can learn to answer and ask questions, and understand the story.



Discuss the characters, events and setting of the stories. It is so important for children to learn language and story language.



Your child will change their book once a week in Nursery, but they can read comics, newspapers, logos and more. Be creative!

Your child must bring their book bag every Monday, they will be returned on Tuesday.