

# Nursery News

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## Next Week:

One of our main topics for this half term is all about snow and cold weather. We will be discussing how weather changes during the seasons and how the weather during winter affects people, animals and the environment.

Next week the children will be helping us to rescue small toys which have been frozen in ice. We will also be collecting natural treasures such as leaves, small stones and sticks from the outdoor area so that they can freeze these in ice too. The children will be exploring how ice and water can change and the related vocabulary such as frozen, ice, cold, melt, thaw etc.

We will be playing lots of traditional playground games in the outdoor area to practice physical skills and to help to keep warm. The children are having fun playing games such as Duck, Duck Goose and What's the Time Mr. Wolf? They are also practising their aiming, throwing catching and batting skills.

We will share the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff with the children and supporting them to build bridges of their own. There is a lovely version of the story on the BBC School Radio and you can follow the link below to access it:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listen-and-play-billy-goats-gruff/zr3yt39>

The children will continue to experiment with different styles of mark making, early writing and creative work in response to the stories that we are sharing this half term. In maths, the children will be taking part in practical activities involving counting, number recognition, matching and number order to 5 and 10.

## Useful Resources

### Play and Learning in the Outdoor Area

The children are really enjoying exploring their physical, creative and social skills in the Nursery outdoor area. They are investigating the effects of the wintry weather on our environment. We are encouraging the children to be careful when navigating the puddles and mud. We are also encouraging them to be confident and independent in changing themselves into their spare clean clothes if needed. To help your child to develop these very important skills, please make sure they have named spare clothes in a bag which can be kept on their peg in school i.e. socks, underwear trousers, skirts etc.

## Letters and Sounds



We are continuing to learn our letter sounds in nursery and the children are enjoying learning lots of new skills. At Manor Park, we use a scheme called Read Write Inc. which is fantastic and very child friendly. Each week we will focus on learning how to recognise, say and write a new letter sound. The first letter sounds that we will focus on this half term are m,a,s,d,t,i. We will continue to use our friendly Fred frog puppet which the children are eager to use in circle games for sound and word work and in developing their talking and listening skills. We are really pleased that most of the children can now recognise their own names and some of their friend's names. The children are trying really hard to write parts of or the whole of their names.

