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Nursery Unit

JANUARY NEWS



Oakfield Primary School and
Nursery Unit



We hope you have all had a restful Christmas.

The Staff would like to thank you for all your good wishes and gifts. They were all very much appreciated.

In January we will be learning about:

- * Winter
- * Polar Animals
- * Patterns
- * How to zip our coats

Our colours will be white and blue and the shape will be triangle.

During January we will also be feeding and watching the birds regularly.

NURSERY AND PRIMARY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The online application portal on the Education Authority website – www.eani.co.uk/admissions will be available from **Tuesday 9th January 2024 @ 12 noon to Friday 26th January 2024 @ 12 noon.** Once your online application has been completed you will need to upload verifying documents such as birth certificate and proof of child's address. Please do not hesitate in asking for assistance.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Well done to all the children for working hard at 'being helpful'. During January we will be thinking about 'good manners'.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Jo Jingles- Wednesday 17th January 2024

Poppin Pilates- Tuesday 30th January 2024



OUTDOOR PLAY

Now that the weather is colder, please send a hat and gloves to leave in nursery. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Thank you.



TOGETHER TIME

Physical Development

- * Develop bilateral integration by finding activities that require using each hand for a different purpose e.g. cutting scraps (one hand to hold the card, another to cut), building a tower (one hand to steady, the other to connect), dressing a doll (one hand to hold the doll, the other to pull on the clothing).
- * We will be continuing to butter our snack in nursery. Please practise this skill at home with your child.
- * Develop your child's fine motor and hand-eye coordination by encouraging them to zip their own coat.

The Arts

- * Cut up old Christmas cards to develop scissor skills and use glue to create a winter collage.
- * Develop your child's representational and observational skills by encouraging him/her to find a favourite toy picture or a favourite book character etc. and to draw it, paying attention to shape, size and colour of its various parts.

The World Around Us

- * Talk about and encourage exploration of winter e.g. How is ice made? Where do polar animals live?
- * Discuss different types of clothes for different purposes e.g. cold weather, party/fancy dress clothes.

Early Mathematical Experiences

- * Encourage your child to recall events occurring over the Christmas holidays to develop awareness of passing of time.
- * Highlight numbers to your child e.g. looking at road signs and house numbers when out for a walk or in the car, when reading a book, on everyday items e.g. watches, scales, clothes and shoes. Encourage him/her to talk about number in relation to him/herself e.g. age.



I'm a little penguin,
Black and white.
Stout and fluffy,
What a sight!
I can't really fly,
But love to swim.
To the water,
And dive right in!
(Tune of I'm a little teapot)



A chubby little snowman,
(Holds hands out to
demonstrate 'chubby')
Had a carrot nose,
(Point to nose)
Along came a bunny,
(Hop like a bunny)
And what do you
suppose?
That hungry little bunny,
(Rub stomach)
Looking for lunch,
(Hold hand above eyes, as
if for searching for
something)
Ate the snowman's nose.

January songs and rhymes

The Winter Cokey Rhyme

(Sing to the tune of 'The Hokey-Cokey')

You put your right glove in,
You take your right glove out.
In out, in out,
Shake it all about.
You do the winter cokey (shiver)
And you turn around.
That's what it's all about!

You put your left glove in...
You put your right boot in...
You put your left boot in...
You put your long scarf in...
You put your warm hat in...
You put your snug coat in...



Snowflakes, Snowflakes

(Sing to the tune of 'I Hear Thunder')

Snowflakes, snowflakes,
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
All around,
All around,
Whirling, twirling snowflakes,
Whirling twirling snowflakes,
Hit the ground,
Hit the ground.

