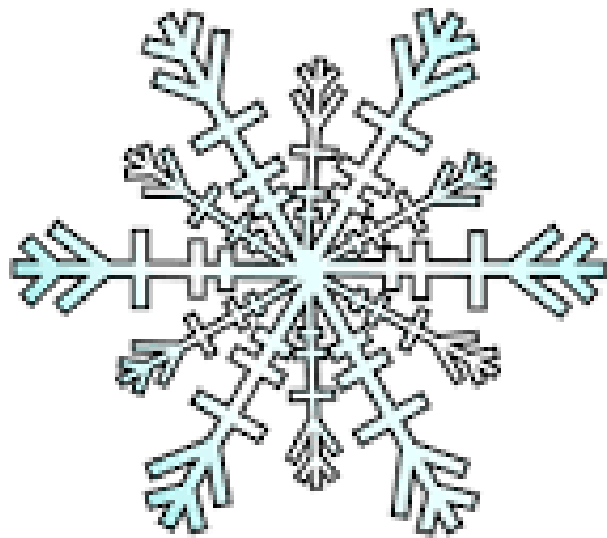


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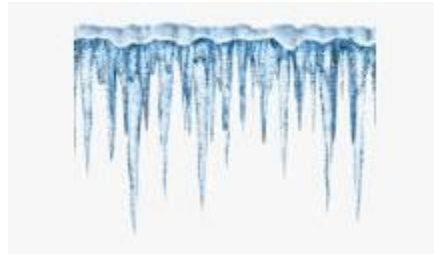
Nursery Newsletter
Spring 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year for 2025! We are looking forward to yet another fun and busy half term.

On behalf of the Nursery team, I would like to say a big thank you for your amazing support at the end of last half term. We hope you enjoyed the Nursery's Christmas production and activities. We would also like to thank you for your lovely, cards, presents and well wishes for the Christmas period. We were overwhelmed with your generosity.

The weather at the start of January has helped us with our learning this half term as we start to think about the changing seasons and winter. We will respond to the weather in nursery and investigate the cold and ice further. If you haven't already please send us photos of your child enjoying the snow to info@pudseyboltonroyd.org

We are looking forward to seeing where else our interests take us in our learning journey over the half term.



Literacy

We will continue enjoy Nursery Rhymes and songs. Our focus for moving and dancing will be to develop our gross motor skills for writing, this will be supported through our response to music.

We have enjoyed singing nursery rhymes and songs which has supported our language acquisition and story telling. You can support your child at home by singing nursery rhymes and songs. Once they are confidently able to sing them, leave gaps for your child to fill in the missing rhyme. Below is a link to the CBeebies website which has lots of nursery rhymes that you can sing together:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-nursery-rhymes>

Last half term we practised lots of pre-writing shapes, this has developed the children's confidence to write messages in their play. We will continue to use Pen Pals videos on the IBoard and build up our fine motor strength through Dough Disco and activities which require finger strength.



Please remember to return your child's library book at the beginning of your child's session on a Friday. We also have a Little Library outside the nursery gate (unless it is very wet outside!), please feel free to take a book or leave a book to share.

Maths

Our mathematical challenge this half term is to count to 10 by rote. You can support your child with this by playing games such as 'hide and seek' as this will give them a purpose for counting. The children will also be encouraged to represent numbers in their own way through our play and exploration of winter. We may for example count the buttons on a snowman or snowflakes on a glove. The children will then be encouraged to draw the amount, write the numeral or show finger numbers to represent what they have counted.

We will be doing lots of sorting including sorting winter and summer clothes and thinking about the reasons behind our choices when sorting them. Towards the end of last half term there was lots of enthusiasm for exploring pattern on our clothes, which we will continue to explore through art. Our artist focus this half term will be Wassily Kandinsky. We will also be taking the opportunity to notice patterns in the environment. Please support your child by pointing out any patterns you see, this could be on their clothes or out and about.



A Few Reminders

Could you please inform us if your child has, or has developed a new, allergy that we are not yet aware of?

As ever, please ensure your child **always** has a **named bag** on their peg with a spare set of clothes (including underwear, socks and shoes). Inside the bag needs to be a spare plastic bag for their wet clothes. The spare clothes are not just in case they have an accident, but in case they get wet in the water tray or perhaps fall in the mud. **This bag needs to be on your child's peg and stay in school unless a member of staff informs you of any wet clothes.**

We will continue to go outside in **all weathers** so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for this. This will include a warm **waterproof** coat, waterproof shoes, a hat, gloves and a scarf. Although we have wellies in Nursery that we are happy for children to borrow should they need them, it is easier for your child if they have their own wellies that they can change into, especially on wet days. Please make sure all these items have your child's name on, so we can ensure they are returned to the rightful owner if they go missing.

Important Dates

As we will keep you updated of any updates, events and important memos on Arbour. Please make sure you have activated your account through the email link sent to you. Once this is activated, please ensure you check this regularly for any school updates.

We are planning some more PEEP sessions for after the February half term. If there is anything that you would like us to focus on, please let us know and we can see if this is something we can do.

Friday 14th February - Holi Theme Day & School closes for half term holiday

Monday 17th February - School re-opens after half term holiday

Here's to another brilliant half term!
Thank you for your on-going support

Mrs Pearson - Teacher in Charge of Nursery and Green Group Key Worker

Miss Driscoll - Nursery Support Staff and Blue Group Key Worker

Mrs Nazir - Nursery Support Staff and Yellow Group Key Worker