



Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a fun week, focussing on a new Nursery Rhyme each day. Nursery Rhymes have so many wonderful benefits. Turn your children around to face you in their buggies and keep talking to them and singing as much as you can!! At carpet time in Blue Group this week, children who don't usually have the language skills were able to join in with the nursery rhymes, whether it was signing some words, making sounds similar to the words, copying the tune and intonation or just mimicking the actions. In red Group on Thursday, the children had fun dialling phone numbers to contact different characters from stories. A large group joined in calling the Tiger Who Came to Tea, went to check and "saw" him coming through the gate. They quickly rushed back to set the table for a tea party, meanwhile Malgo dressed up as a Tiger! It was so much fun seeing the children get completely swept up into their imaginations.

Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development.

- language and communication
- creative expression
- physical development
- numeracy skills
- confidence & independence
- knowledge & understanding



Zoom Zoom Zoom...we're going to the moon.
54321.....Blast Off!!

Next week our Theme is Weather (requested by Jamie!) and celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday.



Story Telling Week

Parents who would like to read a story to the children are still very welcome this week.



5 Little Speckled Frogs

Important Dates

Spring 1

Monday 29th January - National Story Telling wk
Half term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Spring 2

Monday 19th February - Tuesday 26th March

Summer 1

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May.
Closed Monday 6th May for Bank Holiday
Half term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Summer 2

Monday 3rd June – Thursday 18th July

Government Funded Fees

On Thursday, Surrey County Council released 'indicative' funded rates from 1st April 2024. We have been told the rates won't go down, but could go up. So are still waiting for the final rates.

Based on what they have published, there will be **NO additional costs** for working families who are eligible for the 15 hours of 2-year-old funding. The 3- and 4-year-old rate has gone up and I am delighted to share we will be able to slightly drop the additional costs per session. When I have confirmed rates, I will publish the new Fee structure.