



**Monksdown
Primary School**
*Where Children
Come First*

Nursery learning letter Spring 1 2026

Welcome back to Nursery, and a Happy New Year.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for your child this half term and we are sure your child has lots of ideas too.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Nursery Team

Important information for you

- Snack money will be £1 per week or £6 for the half term, £2 for full time children and £12 for the half term.
 - Please provide your child with a spare set of clothes each day. Children have access to water and messy play activities every day so it is essential that every child brings a spare set of clothes to Nursery.
 - Please ensure all your child's clothes are labelled with their name.
 - Please provide your child with wellies with their name inside
 - Just a reminder that nursery begins at 8.45, children who arrive late are missing out on essential teaching time.
 - Please can children be collected on time (11.45) after the morning session
- Thank you

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children have settled well into Nursery and it is lovely to watch some friendships blossom. This half term we will be working on sharing resources with our new friends and learning how to regulate our emotions. We will continue understanding our emotions so we can express how we are feeling using zones of regulation. Each week we have PSED lesson, this half term the topic will be Healthy Me. We will explore how to look after ourselves and healthy eating.

Communication and Language

During this half term there will be a big focus on developing the children's communication and language skills. Children will be introduced to new vocabulary through stories, songs and poems. Children have been assessed in Speech and Language through the Welcomm program and will be having interventions based on their language development.

This half term we will be continuing to support children's vocabulary using the ShREC approach, which you can do at home too!

S- Share attention- Get down to your child's level and focus on what they are interested in.

R- Respond- Follow their lead! Comment on what they see, hear, or feel.

E- Expand- Repeat what your child says and add more words to build longer sentences e.g. child- "dog!" parent "Yes, it's a big fluffy dog!"

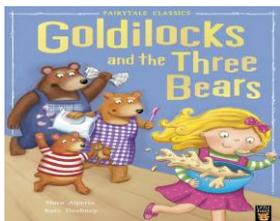
C – Conversation - Have extended back and forth interactions. Give your child time to listen, process and reply.

Physical Development

This half term we will focus on developing children's gross motor skills through practising fundamental skills such as running, jumping and skipping. The children will spend time each day in our outdoor classroom developing these skills. Children will develop fine motor skills through funky finger activities and dough disco sessions. Children will explore a range of writing patterns using gross and fine motor skills.

Literacy

During this half term we will be sharing the story Goldilocks and the 3 bears. As a group we will share stories related to the topics of Winter and Chinese New Year. Children will continue phonic sessions practising sounds, rhyming, blending and segmenting. Children will continue taking a story book home to share with family members.



Mathematics

We love numbers in Nursery and this half term we will be learning lots of different number rhymes such as Five Currant Buns, Five Speckled Frogs. Goldilocks and 1,2,3,4,5. We will be focusing on numbers to three and learning to count objects using 1-1 correspondence as well as subitising numbers to 3. We will learn about simple shapes such as circle, square, triangle and rectangle and go shape hunts to find them in our indoor and outdoor environments.

Understanding the World

The children have shown a real interest in learning about their local environment and also the wider world. We will explore how the outdoor environment has changed with the seasons, exploring winter. We will explore and learn about the celebration of Shrove Tuesday. Our topic this term is Goldilocks and the 3 bears. As part of their learning children will explore journeys relating it to personal journeys such as their journey to school. Also within this topic we will explore different types of bears and their habitats.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term children will have the opportunity to learn a range of different Nursery Rhymes and perform them to their friends. The children have access daily to our creative area in which they practise skills such as painting, printing and using different media. This half term we will be exploring paint and the effect of using different sized brushes and other equipment. Children will have opportunities to explore a range of materials and joining methods.

How to support your child at home:

- Please help your child to learn to put their coat and shoes on independently.
- Read a bedtime story to your child every night and ask them questions about the story.
- Look out for numbers and patterns in your local environment e.g. numbers on your front door or on buses.
 - Talk to your child about changes they can see such as seasonal change and celebrations.
 - Encourage your child to mark make on large and small scale.

