



Bafford Nursery School

Spring Term 2017 Bulletin



Happy New Year and welcome back....

Firstly, welcome to our new families, the children have settled well into the nursery. It was lovely to see how happy and refreshed the children were after their Christmas break. We are looking forward to an exciting term full of fun activities and learning.

Themes planned for this term

- Frost & Ice
- Birds
- People who help us
- Recycling
- Chinese New Year
- Spring
- Changes/Growing
- Easter

Frost & Ice

The children have observed changes in frost and ice. In Forest School they put natural resources in water and left them overnight to freeze. This promoted a lot of talk about change in temperatures, transparency and shape.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Encourage your children to touch the frost and ice and talk about how it looks and feels.
- Freeze water to make ice cubes and lollies.
- Use non-fiction books/ipads to explore countries with cold climates

Birds

Children will be looking at birds in the garden, exploring bird related activities and finding out about birds in their natural habitat.

- "Big Garden Birdwatch" – 28th– 30th January
- 7th February – Nite-Owl demonstration team bring their birds in and talk to the children. The children will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with an owl.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit www.rspb.org.uk for ideas and activities to do with your children.
- Do a bird watch in your own garden.
- Read/look at non-fiction books about birds.
- Put out food and don't forget water.

"People Who Help Us"

During this term the children will be learning about "People who help us". We look forward to a visit from the Fire Brigade if we have any parents or grandparents who are dentists, doctors or nurses etc who would like to come and talk to the children please let your child's Key Person know.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your children about different occupations.
- Visit the library/read stories about "People who help us".

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM....

Tues 7th February

Owls visit Bafford Nursery

A visit from Nite-Owls to support the children's learning about birds. Children will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with an owl.

Tues 21st February

Coffee Morning/Afternoon

Parents invited to an informal coffee morning/afternoon.

Thurs 23rd February- Group Photos

Children will be photographed in their group with their key person. (Please be assured there is no obligation to buy).

Thurs 2nd March - World Book Day

Children come in to nursery dressed as their favourite book character.

Thurs 23rd March – Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop

A chance to explore and learn how we cover Maths in the curriculum. Spaces are limited so please book via Reception from 1st March 2017.

Fri 24th March – Red Nose Day

Wear something red, bring a favourite joke in to nursery to share with your group and make a donation.

Fri 31st March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it in for a parade. Parents will be invited to watch the parade in the nursery garden weather permitting.

Recycling

The children will learn how and why we recycle.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Encourage children to recycle at home.
- Talk to them about different types of recycling.
- Support our nursery workshop with "supplies".

Chinese New Year

It is the year of the "Rooster". We will be exploring cultural celebrations including dragon dancing, Chinese writing, stories and songs.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Fact finding about China.
- Find China on a globe or map.
- Look at some Chinese writing.

Spring/Changes/Growing/Easter

We will be exploring changes in the garden. Signs of plants growing, leaves, blossom, changes in the weather. Children will be planting bulbs or seeds. Children will be invited to make an Easter bonnet and take part in an Easter egg hunt.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit a garden centre.
- Do some planting at home.
- Keep a weather diary.
- Make an Easter bonnet (more details to follow).

Consultations....

W/c 13th & 20th March there will be an opportunity to have a 10 minute consultation about your child with their Teacher.

Please ensure you book a consultation slot nearer the time. Staff are released from the classroom on set days to enable these consultations to take place.

At this consultation please **bring with you** the completed questionnaire which will be given to you prior to your meeting. This forms the basis of discussions.

Saturday 4th March New Parents Open Day

If you know someone who has a child who is 3 by the 31st August 2017 please let them know about our Open Day. Please ask them to contact admin@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01582 713872 to book in.

Thank you....

We would like to thank Harpenden Lions Club for their very kind donation of £500. We have purchased high quality home corner furniture for our nurture group room.

Reminders....

- As the children are regularly putting on coats, hats and wellies please spend time at home encouraging your child to do this independently.
- 20th February - Batford Early Years Centre (*Batford Nursery School, Skylarks Day Care, Little Larks, Children's Centre*) are closed for an Inset Day.
- 6th March – Batford Nursery School closed – Occasional Day (*Skylarks Daycare is open as usual*).
- Easter Weekend Batford Early Years Centre is closed Friday 14th April and Monday 17th April.
- Easter Holidays – last day of term is 31st March returning Tuesday 18th April.

