

Year Nursery Newsletter

Summer Term 2024

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Welcome Back

Our Nursery staff are Miss Devine, Mrs Thirsk, Miss Parker, Mrs Catt, Miss Loosemore and Miss Gardner. We would like to give all our new children and families a very warm welcome, and we hope you enjoy your time with us. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us or phone the school office and we will give you a call back. We are all excited about the Summer, term as we have some exciting activities planned. Our new question for the term is "How can we help nature grow?" As part of this we will be looking at how plants and animals grow and change. Children will have many opportunities to ask questions to find out more and develop their enquiry skills.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Nursery Team

Important Dates & Information

Key Diary Dates

Key diary dates for the term can be accessed [here](#).

Special visitors

To begin our research of life cycles and animals, Leanimals are going to visit school with a selection of different creatures on Thursday 18th April. Children will be able to ask questions and even get to hold some different reptiles and insects.

Parent Workshop date

This term parents will be invited to a transition meeting, to support your child's move to Reception – dates to be confirmed. We will also be holding the Community Picnic, where parents and children can come into school and enjoy an afternoon together.

Please take a look at the school website for further support and information on the Early Years
<https://www.adwickprimary.doncaster.sch.uk/learning2/foundation-stage>

Tapestry

We hope you all have access to the Tapestry app. Remember to look out for photos of your child's learning. We will also set weekly tasks to do at home, for our September starters. You can also share your photos with us through the app. There will be a paper copy of how to do this is available in the nursery cloakroom. Please feel free to take one.

Curriculum Information

Literacy

The stories we will be sharing this term are;

- Hungry caterpillar
- Tadpole's promise
- An information text about how to grow a seed
- Jaspers' beanstalk

Children will learn and retell these stories and we will encourage the children to use new language and act out these stories in our provision areas. They will also be talking part in lots of mark making activities to continue to develop letter formation skills. Children are working extremely hard to record letters from their name and record their names independently. Children that joined us in September will continue to take part in Read Write Inc activities; this is where children are introduced to letter sounds. They will learn how to listen carefully to identify the sounds in words and begin to match these to the grapheme (written sound).

Our new children will be developing their understanding of our rules and routines and will take part in lots of speaking and listening activities. If you love to sing at home, follow the link to join in with these nursery rhymes and songs.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-action-songs-medley/z7jwrj6>

Numeracy

We will have many activities to support children's understanding of numbers and amounts. The children will be taking part in counting activities to find out how many objects they have. We will continue to practise careful counting and match the amount to the numeral. Children will also explore how to make amounts to 5, looking at how many we have when we put two groups together.

The children who have just joined us will be taking part in lots of counting songs, and will have the opportunity to count and use numbers in our provision areas.

Topic

Our topic for the Summer term is 'How can I help nature grow?' Children will have many opportunities to explore this term. We will be planting seeds and finding out how to help them grow. We will be exploring the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog, where children will be able to watch what happens to our caterpillars and tadpoles. As part of the topic children will be growing some plants for the community. The children will continue to spend lots of time exploring all the new activities we have to offer in Nursery, including playdough, painting, construction, sand, water, cutting and sticking activities.

They will learn how important it is to look after their nursery and how to tidy up and look after others in our team.

RSE and PSHE

Click the following link for [RSE guidance for parents](#), which outlines what and how the school teaches relationship and sex education.

Further Information

We have the highest expectations of pupils at Adwick Primary in terms of both their behaviour and progress at school. This is underpinned by our Character Values (see below), which shape and determine the culture at the school.

Character Values

- Compassion
- Integrity
- Respect
- Courage
- Ambition

Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils are expected to follow the school's Character Values, showing respect for the rights and needs of other pupils and of all adults in our school community. We kindly request that parents/ carers support the school in helping their child to uphold our Pupil Code of Conduct by encouraging them to conduct themselves in a positive manner by:

- Behaving in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Showing respect to members of staff and each other
- In class, making it possible for all pupils to learn
- Moving quietly and orderly around the school
- Treating the school buildings and school property with respect
- Wearing the correct uniform at all times
- Accepting the behaviour correction strategy when given, and appropriately completing the behaviour correction strategy given
- Refraining from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school and in the community

The school's behaviour policy can be accessed [here](#).

Attendance and Punctuality

- Excellent attendance at school is important as it enables your child to fulfil their potential. Every single day your child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. We class 'Excellent' attendance as 100% and 'Good' attendance as 97%.
- Every child should have at least Good attendance (97% +) to enable them to fulfil their potential – every day at school matters.
- We kindly request that every child is on time and ready to learn each day. Lateness can cause issues with your child's learning and self-esteem.
- [Drop-off and pick-up times and procedures](#)
- [Attendance Matters Information](#)

Holiday requests in term time

- You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time.
- Any child or young person who is absent from school due to a holiday will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work.
- In each academic year, there are only a maximum of 190 statutory school days. This allows plenty of time (175 days) for holidays to be arranged outside term time.
- Details on school holiday dates, bank holidays and training days can be accessed [here](#).
- **Please note, Adwick Primary will not authorise any holidays in term time. These will be categorised and recorded as an unauthorised absence.**

Pupil Uniform

- Wearing a uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to a community and is also good preparation for Secondary School and the workplace.
- The school encourages pupils to look smart and avoid any extreme hairstyles etc. that detract from them looking smart.
- We kindly request that full uniform is worn at all times, unless it is a non-uniform day. Full uniform also includes having a P.E and/ or swimming kit when needed.
- Uniform will be checked at the beginning of each day during 'Team Meetings'. If all the children in the Team come into school in full uniform all week they will be supporting their peers in winning the weekly Team Trophy and earning an extra 10 minutes of break time per week.
- Please name all uniform as this helps if it gets lost.
- [Uniform List](#)

Homework

- In the Early Years we will use Tapestry to send home activities linked to speech and language. These activities are for you to complete together.

Food and Drink at Adwick Primary

Drinks

- With the exception of packed lunches provided by parents, the school will provide pupils with drinks throughout the school day – this will be water and milk (if your child is entitled to milk) only.
- Please send in an empty water bottle with your child's name on it so that they use the bottle that belongs to them.

- Bottles can go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned.
- You may provide some chopped up fruit in the water bottle to flavour the water if you wish to do so.
- Any juice or flavoured water sent into school will be replaced with water, unless juice or flavoured water is recommended by a doctor for medical purposes.
- You can register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Break time snacks

- Any snacks that are brought from home must be restricted to fruit or vegetables, unless recommended otherwise by a doctor for medical purposes (e.g. dietary need, diabetes etc.).
- Fruit is provided by the school at the Lower site.
- Cereal bars contain lots of sugar so we ask that you do not send these.

Packed lunches

- Some pupils prefer to bring a packed lunch. If this is the case, we request that you provide a packed lunch that is healthy, e.g. an appropriate amount for a child, no fizzy drinks, one sweet snack (no chocolate bars).
- Please do not send items that contain nuts due to pupils that have a nut allergy.
- Please note, chocolate spread is also not permitted as it can contain nuts.
- [Nut and Peanut Awareness Information](#)
- Packed lunches provided for school trips, as part of our Free School Meal provision, comply with National Food Standards.

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches or other Mobile Devices

- Mobile Phones and/ or Smart Watches or other mobile devices must not be used on the school property, both in the building and in the school grounds.
- If a child brings a mobile phone etc. to school, it must be switched off and given to their class teacher for safe keeping.
- Please note, the school will not be held responsible for any safekeeping of a Mobile Phone, Smart Watch or other Mobile Device.
- If a child uses a mobile phone etc. on the school property or fails to hand in a mobile phone etc. it will be confiscated and a parent/ carer will need to collect the confiscated item from the school. Parents/ carers will be informed if an item has been confiscated.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child and the school.