

Welcome to our Spring Term Bulletin, this will inform you of all the exciting activities your children will be involved in this term. We would like to welcome all our new parents and children who have started with us in January and settling in well.

Themes covered this term

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

### Frost & Ice

We are expecting some colder weather and during this time we will be observing changes in frost and ice in the garden with the children.

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

- Encourage your child 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

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

Night Owls will visit the nursery in February for an owl demonstration. It is an opportunity for the children to discuss and find about owls. They will have the opportunity to have a photo taken with an owl, these will then be available for parents to purchase later in February.

At Batford we welcome the chick eggs in February which are hugely popular. The children find it incredible to see the chicks hatch from the eggs and will be able to hold them. Naming the chicks inspires imaginative discussions..watch this space for what they come up with!

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

- Visit [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) for ideas and activities to do with your child.
- Do a bird watch in your garden/local park.
- Read/look at non-fiction books about birds.
- Put out food and don't forget water for the birds.

### "People Who Help Us"

During this term the children will be learning about "People who help us". The types of people that we hope to have talking to children about are the Police, Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Teachers, Dentists, Vets, Waste Disposal workers, builders, etc

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

- Talk to your children about different occupations.
- Read stories about "People who help us".
- Say "thank you" to the people that help us.

## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM....

(Subject to change!)

### Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Bedtime Stories in the Nursery

Rescheduled for later in the term.

### Feb/Mar Stay & Play at Forest School

Details to follow.

### Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Details to follow.

### Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day

We will be making pancakes with the children in the nursery.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Mini Professors Session – Science Workshop

Details to follow.

### Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – World Book Day

Come to nursery dressed as your favourite book character. Fun packed session with lots of shared stories.

### Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day

Wear something Red and bring in your favourite joke to share with your group. Children will be taking part in some fun activities. We will collect any monetary donations by "Just Giving". Link to be sent out separately.

### Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Easter Bonnet Parade

Children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it in for a parade. Further details to follow.

## 2023 September Admissions

If you know someone whose child turns 3 by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 please let them know our Admissions is open now.

Contact

[admissions@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk)  
or telephone 01582 713872.



### Chinese Luna New Year

It is the year of the "Rabbit". We will explore cultural celebrations including making lanterns, 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.
- Eat some Chinese food

### Recycling – on-going learning

The children will learn how and why we recycle. We do this by looking at books such as "George saves the world by lunchtime", looking at websites and taking part in recycling activities using junk modelling and sorting containers into paper/plastic/wood/metal.

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

- Encourage children to recycle at home.
- Talk to them about different types of recycling.
- Recycle items by creative play, build a famous landmark out of recycled goods.



### Spring/Changes/Growing/Easter

We will be exploring changes in the garden. Looking at signs of plants growing, leaves, blossom, changes in the weather. Children will be planting bulbs or seeds. Our theme concludes by the children taking part in an Easter bonnet parade and 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).

Please share any learning at home on Tapestry.



### Core Books

Each half term the staff will be introducing core books and rhymes to the children. This is to develop early reading skills. Many of the books you may already know and have at home, so please share them regularly with your child.

Books we will be covering this half-term are:

Peace at last – Jill Murphy

Duck in the truck – Jez Alborough

We're going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen

Rhymes we have covered this half-term are:

Five Little Speckled Frogs.

1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a fish alive.

Wind the Bobbin up.

Next half term we will be focusing on:

The Smartest Giant in Town – Julia Donaldson

Little Rabbit Foo Foo – Michael Rosen

Goldilocks and the Three Bears –

Five Current Buns

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Little Peter Rabbit

More information on Reading and Phonics can be found on our website

<https://www.batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk/nursery-prospectus/curriculum/reading-and-phonics>

### Reminders....

- **Easter Holidays – last day of term is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March returning Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Inset day For Batford Nursery and Daycare is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April)**

