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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**Happy New Year Parents and Carers.** We are glad to have the children back from the holidays. Please take time to read this newsletter which tells you what your child is learning about this term.

**'Super Scientists'** - Over the course of this first half term the children will be engaged in lots of fun experiments and scientific investigations. We will learn all about our 5 senses and do different activities to understand how our different senses work and why they are important.

**'Fairy Tales'** – During Spring 2 we will learn about a variety of fairy tales. We will explore traditional as well as modern versions of different fairy tales and do some fun role play to show our understanding.

### **Literacy:**

This term we will continue practicing how to hold a pencil and trace/copy our names. We will begin to focus on learning some sounds this term so that we can start to recognize sounds in a word.

We'd like to continue to encourage you to read with your child daily. Children can take home books from the nursery which can be changed every Thursday. We kindly ask that you write down the date, the title of the book you have borrowed and a brief comment to say how they found the book in their reading record, in order for the book to be changed again the next week.

**Mathematical Development:** This term we will continue regular counting practice of numbers up to 20. The children will learn how to look at a group of objects and say how many they see without counting. They will learn how to find the total of two groups by counting all of them.

**Physical Development:** P.E and dance takes place daily. Please be mindful of this and dress your child in clothing that they can manage independently with shoes or trainers that have Velcro fastenings.

### **Things you can do at home:**

We are working with the children to write their names. Names should be written with a capital letter at the start and all other letters should be lower case. To help, it will be best if they are holding their pencil near the tip as shown in Fig 4.

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Diagrams showing developing pencil grasp



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4

### Reminders:

- 1) Please remember to label your child's uniform, book bags and water bottles.
- 2) We ask you for a voluntary contribution of £5 a term to help pay towards ingredients for play dough and cooking 'yummy' cakes for you to try, we will collect this at the Nursery gate.
- 3) Important dates:  
Half term break - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Parent consultation day - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Break - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
INSET Day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
School resumes Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

We value your continued support from home with your child's learning and we are always available to speak with you if you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss about your child.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Akin

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