

### Absence

If your child is not well enough to come to nursery, please ensure you that you make nursery aware from the first day of your child's absence before 8:45am. You can phone the nursery office to do this or notify us through parent mail or nursery email. Thank you.

Attendance Matters



# Spring Term 3

## Our Brilliant Bodies!

### Children's Belongings

Please make sure that every item of clothing and any belongings that the children have are **clearly named**. This will help us reunite them with their belongings smoothly and quickly. Many thanks.

### Pop in and Plays

We hold open afternoons once a half term. These take place on different week days to be fair to families with additional commitments.

Thank you to all those that attended our festive 'Pop in and Play' .

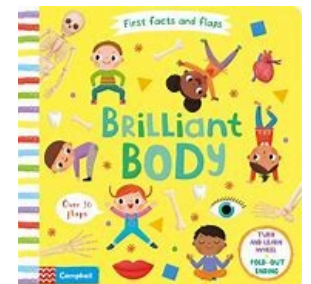
We are hoping to hold our next one before we break up for the February half term. More details to follow.

Firstly, a warm welcome to the new families that are joining us this term.

Starting from January, we will be learning all about our brilliant bodies, our insides and our outsides, and how to keep ourselves healthy and safe. We will also be exploring positively similarities and differences between ourselves and begin thinking about our wider community, We will be continuing to develop our communication skills, in particular practising attentive listening , developing our vocabulary and using extended phrases to share our thinking.

Together we will share lots of exciting texts, including first information books, and extend our knowledge of number, shape & pattern.

All as we learn and play together.



# Just some of Term 2 's Magic Moments.



Sharon Trent  
Early Years Teacher



Lisa Maynard  
Nursery Administrator



Bel Diprose  
Early Years Practitioner



Ruby Prior  
Early Years Practitioner

## Our Nursery Team



Briony Fitzpatrick  
Early Years Practitioner



Taeko Martin  
Early Years Practitioner



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Early Years Practitioner



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Please share with us any concerns, questions or updates as soon as possible. Lisa is in the office every morning and will pass on any information to Mrs Trent who will then follow up appropriately. Nursery staff will be at the gate at drop off and collection times too but please bear in mind that this is a busy time and the priority is the children's safety & well being.

## Lisa's Office Hours

Every week day morning until 11.45am  
Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons 1.15—3.15pm



## IMPORTANT REMINDER

September 2024 school places

Don't Forget

If your child is due to start school this September you have until the 15th January to apply for a School Place online.

If you are unable to do this please contact us and we will be happy to help you.

## Diary Dates

Inset Day -Friday 2nd February

Pop in and Play -Thursday 8th February

(more details to follow)

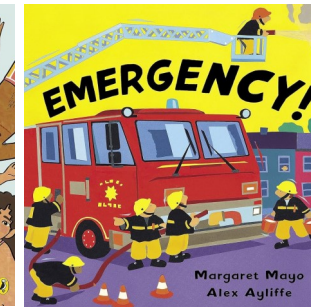
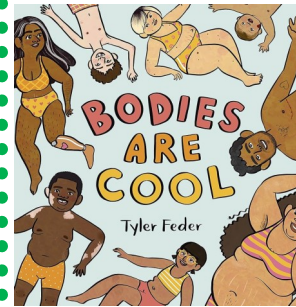
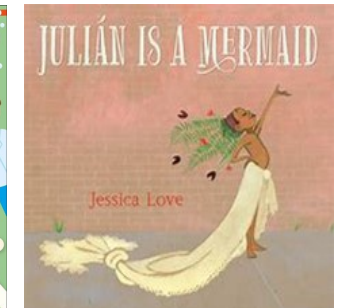
End of term 3 -Friday 9th February

Start of term 4 - Monday 19th February



## We Love Books!

These are some of the wonderful texts we will be exploring this term.



## Home Reading

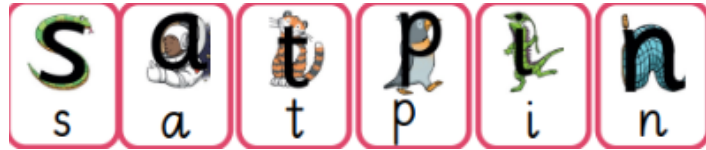
Don't forget every child will have a nursery book bag and will be able to use our Polegate School Nursery Pop Up Library. Please make sure you initial every time you share a book with your child in their reading record. 5 in a row means a ticket in our half termly book raffle.

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.  
-Dr. Seuss



## Early Phonics

Alongside other core phonic skills we are particularly going to focus on tuning in to initial sounds at the start of words.



### How we say the initial sounds

We emphasise the initial sounds (one letter shape, one sound) at every natural opportunity with the children, through their play, shared experiences and our together times. It is so important that we are all teaching the children the correct way to say the sound to support their reading in the future.

The Little Wandle website offers amazing support for parents so that you can help your child with their phonics and reading skills at home too. There is a video on the website showing how each sound is pronounced in the order they are introduced.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## Maths skills we are exploring this term



Completing & copying simple repeated patterns

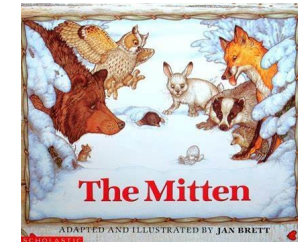
Becoming familiar with the different ways

4 & 5 can be represented

Investigating circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides

We will be sharing on seesaw ways to support your children in these skills at home as we introduce them in the setting

## In addition



*The Mitten* is our talk for writing text this term which the children will explore in depth, getting to know it well to retell and to inspire them to begin to create their own stories. Leading from this we will be looking at simple recipes as a form of instructions.

**Forest School** – we will be continuing our forest school sessions. Please take note that these now take place on a **Friday morning for our school starters.**

Details via Parentmail.

All children will have the opportunity to join in with late Winter outdoor learning experiences.

### Also this term

- \* indoor snowball battle
- \* investigating instasnow
- \* doctors & hairdressers pop up role play
- \* ice play
- \* visits from people who help us keep healthy & safe
- \* mini mindfulness spa day

