



September 2021

# Nursery Newsletter

## Welcome!

It has been lovely to see the children becoming more settled during the course of their first week and begin to leave their adults with more confidence. **From Thursday 23rd September** children in our 3 year old room will move to being dropped off and collected from the front door. Children in the 2 year old room will continue to use the entrance via the Nursery garden. You can help your child to settle in by giving them a quick hug, saying 'goodbye' and leaving promptly. Staff will be locking the gate at 8.50 (morning session) and 12.40 (afternoon session).



## Wet weather and water play clothing

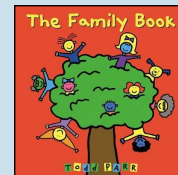
Please be aware that the Early Years Curriculum requires year round outdoor learning opportunities. All children are given access to our outdoor area, which includes sand and water play, as well as a large grassed area. In wet weather, the grassed area becomes very muddy. Please ensure that you send your child to Nursery with appropriate clothing for outdoor play. We have a small supply of spare waterproof clothing and wellington boots, but not enough for each child. A 'puddle suit' is ideal, along with a pair of wellington boots, however a waterproof coat and pair of wellington boots is sufficient. Wet weather clothing can be kept in school or taken home daily.



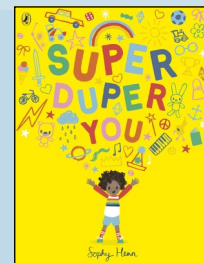
## Key Topic Vocabulary

Me	Home
Mummy	Daddy
Sister	Brother
Family	Pets

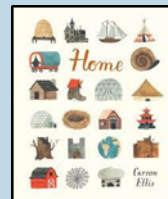
## Key Texts this Half Term



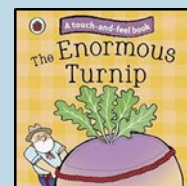
'The Family Book' -  
Todd Parr



'Super Duper You'—  
Sophy Henn



'Home' - Carson Ellis



'The Enormous Turnip' -  
Traditional



## Book Bags– 3-4 Year Olds

Blue book bags only need to be brought into Nursery on **Tuesdays**. Your child will choose which book they would like to bring home and will get to keep it for a week. We **do not** expect Nursery children to be able to read the book. It is for you to read to your child. Your child may then enjoy re-telling you the story in their own words, or talking about the pictures.

If your child will be joining Castlfield for Reception, you can purchase a school book bag from the office and they will be able to use it next year. Alternatively, a plain 'book bag' style bag or large waterproof 'zip-lock' bag can be used. To prevent damage to books, we are unable to send them home in backpacks.

**Please do not carry water bottles in book bags.**

## Naming personal items

We already have a collection of clothing, bags and wellington boots without names! To ensure your child comes home with their own belongings, all personal items must be clearly named. Websites such as [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) and [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) have a variety of labels for all purposes.

*“There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing”- Sir Ranulph Fiennes, explorer.*

### Skills to practise at home

#### 2-3 Year Olds

- Saying their own names.
- Making choices (eg choosing between milk or water to drink).
- Follow simple instructions.

#### 3 –4 Year Olds

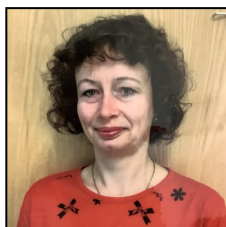
- Using the toilet with less support.
- Completing self care tasks such as using tissues to clean own nose and washing and drying hands.

## Staff Names

Please encourage your child to use staff names, especially in the 3-4 year old room. As well as being polite, it is helpful for children to be able to say who they have been working with, who has helped them etc.



Mrs Hywood  
2 Year Old Room  
Leader



Mrs Stanko  
2 Year Old Room  
Key Worker



Mrs Bashir  
2 Year Old Room  
Key Worker



Mrs French  
3 Year Old Room  
Nursery Lead



Miss Hallam  
3 Year Old Room  
Key Worker