



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating National Story Telling week with a full emersion in a variety of stories. Thank you to all the parents who came into preschool to read to small groups, the children absolutely loved it.

Keep checking out our social media pages and please give them a LIKE! [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Research has shown that children who are read to in the first five years of life have a 1.4 million word advantage over children who are not read to at home. Children who are read to have significantly larger and more developed vocabularies than other children. Not only do these children develop a larger vocabulary, but they also get exposure to many uncommon and unusual words that are not often heard in everyday language. When you read to your children, they will hear good language structures and grammar usage and will naturally mimic those. While children are listening to stories, they are thinking. It is the perfect time to ask them questions and develop their critical thinking skills. I could go on and on about the advantages of reading stories at home, but I will finish with the special bonding experience between you and your child. Story time usually happens in a quiet, safe space where your child has your undivided attention. Please keep reading stories at home, taking advantage of our Books2Borrow and why not visit the library.

Next week our topic is 'Friendships'

### Toy Cars

A little plea to check your children's pockets and bags for any preschool toys. We seem to be losing toy cars at an incredible rate!! Thanks



### Breakfast Club

Bookings are now OPEN  
Monday – Friday  
8:20am – 9:00am  
£7.50 (non-funded)



Today is NSPCC Number Day. The children have taken part in lots of outdoor number activities, for example roll the dice and do the corresponding action and make a giant number line.

If you would like to make a donation, below is a link directly to the NSPCC website.

<https://secure.nspcc.org.uk/?dontype=regular>



Story 'Oi Frog'



Story 'Tiddler'

### Important Dates

#### **Spring Term**

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

**Half Term - Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb**

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

#### **Summer Term**

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

**Half term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May**

Monday 2nd June - Thursday 17th July

**Bank Holiday Monday 5th May**



Story 'Princess Smarty Pants'

Story 'Jack the Beanstalk'

