



**South Gosforth First School**  
**Nursery Half Termly News**



**Spring Term 1 January 2024**



Happy New Year to you all!  
We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and got to spend precious time with family and friends.  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards and very kind and generous gifts that we received at Christmas.  
It was wonderful to see the children so happy as they arrived in Nursery on Monday and excitedly told us all about their holidays.  
We are so proud of how well they have settled back into the routines of school life and are looking forward to having lots of fun playing and learning together throughout the Spring Term.

**Phonics**

We are so proud of the progress that the children have already made during our Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics daily sessions.

This half term, we will continue to introduce sounds to the children, with a focus on m, d, m, g, o, c, k, e.  
The children will learn to identify the initial sounds of words and names of objects and to distinguish between different sounds through playing a range of games.  
We will also have a focus on teaching the children to orally blend a wider range of cvc words (e.g. cat, dog, goat etc.) through playing games such as 'What's in the box?' and 'Can you touch your....?'  
We will also be continuing our rhyme time activities with a focus rhyme each week that the children will learn.

Little Wandle Foundations



**Reminders**

As you are aware, we go outside in all weathers, so please could you ensure that your child comes to school each day with a warm coat and has a pair of wellies that are kept at school.

Please could the children also have a pair of indoor shoes/slippers that can be kept in their drawer.

We sent home most red drawstring bags over the holiday - please could these be returned to Nursery with spare clothes (including socks and underwear). These will be kept on your child's peg.

**Please could all items of clothing and shoes be clearly labelled with your child's name.**



### Library Visits

To help the children to develop a love of reading, this term, we will begin visiting the school library once a week on Thursday mornings from next week. (For part time children at the beginning of the week, they will visit on a Monday morning).

All children will be able to choose a picture book to bring home for the week to share with a grown up. The children will bring their book home in their named plastic folder. Please could the folder and the book then be returned to school the following Thursday so that your child will be able to select a new library book. New books will be unable to be issued if the previous book has not yet been returned.



### Tapestry

This is just a reminder that we have an online learning journal "Tapestry" that we use to document your child's journey throughout their Nursery year.

Every Monday, there will be a post uploaded which will inform you of the different activities we will be doing in Nursery that week. At the end of the week, there will be a whole class or group Nursery post sharing photos and learning from the week and also one individual post for each child.

If you have lost your log in details and need these again, then please speak to Mrs Burnett and we can issue them to you again.

We do also post weekly updates of what we have been getting up to in Nursery on our school Twitter page @SouthGosforthFS, and our Facebook page.



### Dates For Your Diary

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February -

Finish school for half term.

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February -

Return to school.

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March -

Family Consultation Evenings (information regarding signing up for appointments will be sent to you nearer the time).

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March -

World Book Day (more information about this will be sent to you nearer the time).



Many thanks for all of your support so far this year.

We are having a wonderful first year working together with yourselves and your wonderful children in Nursery.

Applications for Nursery places for next academic year (2024 - 2025) open on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024, so please do pass the information on to any prospective parents that you know who may be interested in applying for a Nursery place for next year.

