



# Newsletter

Week of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Welcome back everyone!

Happy New Year! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some special time together. We're really looking forward to hearing all about it and settling back into our routines at pre-school.

## Drinks Reminder

From this week, children **do not need to bring drinks bottles from home**. We will be providing milk and water for all children throughout the pre-school day.

If your child has a plastic beaker at home that they would like to bring in to use with our new water dispenser please send them in. If not, don't worry - we have plenty at pre-school.

## New Look Pre-School

Over the Christmas break, we have been busy giving pre-school a little makeover to create a calmer environment where play and learning can really flourish.

There's still a little bit still to finish, but why not pop in during Drop and Discover this week to see the progress? 😊

It's going to be a **chilly week**, so please remember to send your child with **warm outdoor clothing** that is suitable for cold and wet weather. Thank you

## Home Learning

If you'd like to continue our learning at home, you might enjoy talking about winter and hibernation, sharing a favourite bear story, or creating a cosy den using blankets or cushions.

## Stories

This half term, our **Environmental Text** will be **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**. As we explore this familiar story during the winter months, children will learn about **warmth, shelter, size and comparison**, as well as **animals and hibernation**.



Our **Stories for Talking** will be shared in two separate groups to support children's individual communication and language development:

**Explorers Group - Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** A repetitive story supporting early listening, attention and naming.

**Investigators Group - The Very Cranky Bear**. A story rich in emotions, problem-solving and discussion, with clear links to winter and hibernation.