

# Nursery News

## Spring term 1



A warm (or slightly chilly) welcome back to parents and children of Butterfly Class. We hope you all had a happy and relaxed Christmas break. It has been wonderful to see the children return full of smiles and stories of times they have shared with their loved ones. We are overjoyed at the arrival of our new sand pit, which the children have been helping to fill this week! Please do come and have a peek if you haven't already seen it :)

### What are we learning about this half term?

Our topic for this half term is 'Stomping Dinosaurs'. The children will explore the concept of "past" and "present" while thinking about where different events may sit on our class timeline. Using cubes we will help to calculate the height of different dinosaurs and the length of their footprints. We will also practise saying how many dinosaurs we can see quickly without counting them- we call this subitising! Our key story is 'the Three Little Pigs', which we will retell using actions, props and other imaginative ways! As part of our school phonics programme 'Little Wandle', the children will be introduced to a sound of the week. We will practise listening for these sounds in words and sound words out orally, which we call **segmenting** and **blending**. This half term we will focus on the sounds: S, A, T, P, I, N.

### Notices

Parents are invited at daily drop off to support their child with their handwriting practise books. This will take place for the first 5-10 minutes Monday- Thursday mornings. We hope this daily practise alongside other gross/fine motor activities will help the children in Nursery to develop their pencil grip so that they are able to write their name and some other sounds by the time they reach Reception. We understand not everyone will be able to attend alongside work commitments but welcome anyone that is able to!



### Key dates

#### February

10th—Last day of Nursery

13th—17th—Half Term

20th—Children Return to Nursery