CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

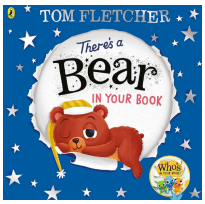
NURSERY SPRING 1

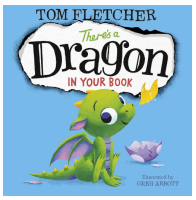
Happy New Year and welcome back to what is sure to be an action packed 2026! We hope you had a fun but restful Christmas and we're looking forward to getting back into the weekly routine.

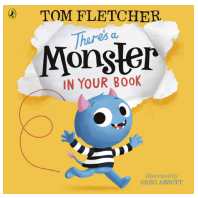
For parents of children due to start school in September 2026 please ensure you have applied for their school space by **Thursday 15th January**. Once you have applied please could we ask you let us know where you have applied for. If you need any support with this please contact Miss King or Miss Kula and we will be happy to assist.

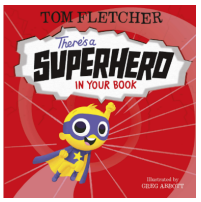
There's a … in your book - Tom Fletcher author focus

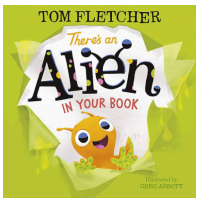
This half term we will be reading a selection of Tom Fletcher books. The activities in the room will be based on the characters within each story.











Prime areas of learning

Communication and Language

Whilst enjoying our stories this half term the children will be focussing on identifying the action words and for children to be able to understand questions such as 'who's jumping'. The children are also going to be learning how to ask their own 'what?' and 'who?' questions to one another and be able to respond appropriately to what their friend is asking. We are getting very creative in the nursery and this half term the children will be encouraged to talk about the marks they are making when creating their own monsters, dragons and unicorns thinking about the features they have added. As the adults write what the children are saying we will be pointing out that writing is a representation of speech. We will also be encouraging the children to use 'I' when speaking about themselves instead of 'me' to support their speech development.

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This half term we will be looking at healthy routines. During our first story 'There's a bear in your book' we will be talking about the importance of sleep to keep us healthy. We will be encouraging the children to talk about their bedtime routines and making charts to bring home to encourage teeth cleaning and story time. We will be practising using a toothbrush (not on our own teeth) and will have a special visitor to talk to us about how this should be done! We will continue to use the colour monster to talk about feelings and begin to think about how others might be feeling in different situations. We will talk about the characters in our stories and our friends in nursery and think about how we can help them when they are hurt. We will also be talking about being aware of our own actions and how our actions can affect others.

Physical development

Each week the children will be taught a new playground game such as duck duck goose, hop scotch and what's the time mister wolf. They will be encouraged to play these with a group of friends taking turns and talking about their favourite games.

We will be getting the bats and balls out this half term learning to aim and bat a ball to a friend. To develop fine motor control the children will continue to develop different lines and patterns they can use to create characters and imaginative settings at the mark making table. We will also be learning to cut, tear and join different materials to create our own dragons in the creative area. We will continue to support the children with using cutlery this half term with a focus on using a knife to spread.

Coming up...

5th January - Start of new term
30th January - INSET day
10th February - Safer Internet Day
12th February - Stay and play (Storytime) 2pm
13th February - Mad Hair Day
13th February - Last day of Term

16th February - 20th February - HALF TERM

23rd February - Back to Nursery

Contact us

If there is anything you wish to discuss with us regarding the information on this newsletter; or if you have any further queries or concerns regarding your child's experience at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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How can you help?

Sharing the stories at home that we will be sharing within the nursery to make your child familiar with them would really benefit many children. These stories are very interactive so please encourage them to join in with you.

To encourage children's active listening skills try telling a familiar story such as the 3 bears but change Goldilocks name for your child's name and every time they hear their name they can clap or wave. This is a great game the children enjoy!

Allow your children to 'write' their own shopping lists. These may not be actual writing but drawn or written representations of the items they would like to buy - these could be used during shop role play or when you are out shopping.

Practice putting on coats independently at home and encourage children to begin to zip up their coats.

Fill in the sleep routine charts with your child that we will be creating for us to celebrate when children have been clearing their teeth and enjoying bedtime stories. Cbeebies bedtime stories are great if you do not have a huge selection of your own at home.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories