

What we are learning about in Nursery at Lakeside during Spring term 1.

In Spring term 1, we will explore topics based on interests and fascinations as well as some planned learning linked to celebrations happening. Our learning links to the four nursery topic themes:

Exploring my world

All about me

Let's celebrate

Once upon a time



We learn through play and exploration alongside our peers and the adults. We also have short carpet sessions. Through all learning, we develop the prime areas of learning - Communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development and develop our specific area skills: Literacy, Maths, Understanding the world and Expressive arts and design.

Week 1: "What did you do in the Christmas holidays?"

We will settle back into nursery and welcome some new friends too. We will read some familiar stories that we explored last half term, such as Elmer and the Colour Monster. We will spend time talking about our Christmas holidays and the things that we have been enjoying at home.



We will talk about the new year being 2022 and discuss how the new year was celebrated.

Our song of the week is: Heads, shoulders, knees and toes and we will be singing some of our familiar Christmas songs (one last time!)

Week 2: "Why were the 3 bears cross?"

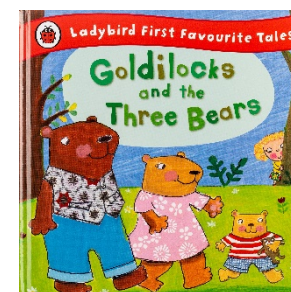
We will explore the traditional tale "Goldilocks and the three bears". We will retell the story and learn some of the repeated parts of the story.

We will use some actions to help us to retell the story too.

We will talk about how the bears are feeling when they get home to the mess that Goldilocks has caused!

We will have some props for telling the story in the home corner and we can make some bear masks and props to help to tell the story with our friends.

For our song of the week, we will learn The Goldilocks song



Week 3: "Do you like porridge?"

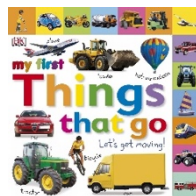
We will continue exploring Goldilocks and add some more linked learning this week. We are going to try some porridge, choose a topping and discuss whether we like or dislike this. Some of us will be able to say 'why'. We will explore filling and emptying bowls with porridge oats and compare the sizes of the bowls for the three bears.



We will begin to problem solve and count amounts and check if there is enough for the bears; e.g. "we should have 3 bowls of porridge, but we only have 2, how many more do we need?"

Week 5: "How could we travel to school?"

We will be exploring non-fiction books about different modes of transport. We will talk about the ones we may use daily such as cars, bikes, buses, and unusual ways, such as planes, trains and even hot air balloons. We will talk about whether we could come to school in a rocket.



We will junk model and build cars, trains and other transportation and link our understanding to stories and songs about vehicles and travelling such as 'Row, row, row your boat' and 'five little men in a flying saucer'.

Week 4: "How is Chinese New Year celebrated?"

For Chinese New Year (Tuesday 1st Febreaury) we will have some celebrations in nursery.

We will have a 'red day' on Wednesday to celebrate Chinese New Year and we will try some rice and noodles for snack.

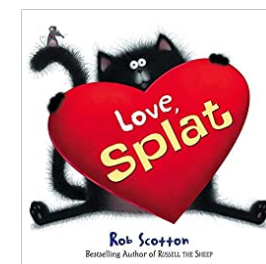
We will watch the CBeebies 'Let's Celebrate' episodes about Chinese New Year and talk about how these celebrations are similar to other celebrations we know about. We will create a big Chinese Dragon costume and do some Chinese dancing.



Week 6: "Who do we love?"

For our final four days of the half term we will be talking about being kind and thining of others who we love. We will read stories such as 'love, Splat' and 'Guess how much I love you'.

We will make a card for our grown-ups and practise writing our names in these. We will learn the '[I love you song](#)' and talk about what we can do to show people that we care. We will talk about being a good friend and making kind choices.



Key skills that we are working on:

- ❖ We will begin to recognise and have go at tracing our own names this half term.
- ❖ We will all become independent in putting on our own coats and doing up our own zips.
- ❖ We will all get better at counting amounts accurately; knowing that the last number is the total.
- ❖ We will all work on our speaking skills and develop our talk to make sure we speak in full sentences.



Please support children at home to develop these skills.

Dates for your diary:

- Back to nursery (Monday 10th January)
- Red day for Chinese New Year (Wednesday 2nd February)
- Last day of half term (Thursday 17th February)
- Inset day (Friday 18th February)