

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Note from the team

We are looking forward to the start of another term, summer is on it's way (we hope!). We can't believe that we are coming into Summer One, but we are so proud of all of the children and the amount of progress that they have made during our time with us. We hope that you have a fantastic Easter break and that the children will return feeling rested and refreshed. If you have any queries or want to arrange a time to speak if you have a concern, you can send us an email at Nursery@barnehurstfederation.co.uk.

Key Dates and Reminders

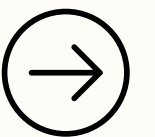
Forest School will be continuing this term and the children have really enjoyed their time spent there. Farah Class will go on a Monday and Simmonds on a Thursday.

Hoy Class will have Forest School on all of the below dates.

Farah Class - 20th April and 18th May

Simmonds Class - 16th April and 30th April

The children will need a pair of their own wellies to stay in school please.

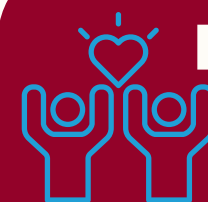


Our 7 Areas of Learning



Communication & Language

We will be encouraging the children to begin to listen carefully to rhymes and songs, by paying attention to how they sound. Begin to maintain attention in whole class and group context for a short time. Respond appropriately when asked questions like "Why do you want to wear your boots today?" and "How can we mop up the juice?" Begin to understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat? Use longer sentences of four to six words when talking.



Personal, Social, Emotional Development

As always in Nursery we will be encouraging the children to share and take turns. We will be encouraging the children to show awareness of own/others feelings. Teach them to independently try to find solutions to conflict and manage their emotions, before needing adult support. Talk about how some words hurt and although sorry can be said it can't be undone.



Physical Development

We will be encouraging the children with mark making and letter formation this term. We will be offering activities to help develop the muscles in the wrist to help children be ready for mark making and writing. We will be continuing to develop scissor control to improve cutting skills and ask that you support your children using scissors at home.



Literacy

The core texts that we have this term really support the children's learning within other areas. We have stories about different types of families, how children grow and a few stories linked to gardening. The stories which have been chosen are aimed at introducing children to new vocabulary, making links with previous learning and extending the children's knowledge and understanding about a range of topics.



Maths

This term your child will be exploring many different Maths concepts, during their lesson inputs and within the provision. Some of the things that they will explore and deepen their knowledge and understanding in are; money and using it in real life situations and repeating patterns. We will be focusing on numbers above five and thinking about how those numbers are made up, adding and subtracting with those numbers and number recognition and formation.



Understanding the world

This term we will be really focusing on growth and life cycles. We will be planting in our outside area and looking at seeds and how plants grow from them. We will be exploring what seeds and plants need to help them to grow. We will also be thinking about how we grow and change.



Expressive Art & Design

We will be continuing to explore colour this term. We are doing this through colour mixing, exploring how to make colours lighter and darker and using water colour paints. We will be drawing from observation, looking closely at what we can see and the shapes we need to use.



Learning continued...



Reading

This term our focus stories are...

My Family and Other Families, A Great Big Cuddle, The Extraordinary Gardener, Errol's Garden, The Good Egg and I am Nefertiti.



Rhymes

We have a new Nursery Rhyme that we learn each week. This term these are... Sing a Song of Sixpence, I'm a Little Teapot, Mary Mary Quite Contrary, Little Bo Peep, One, Two Buckle my Shoe and The Queen of Hearts.



Phonics

This term during our Phonic Sessions we will be continuing with Phase one. We will be focusing on rhyme and alliteration and we will also be learning about oral blending and segmenting. This is all done through games and stories. We do these as a whole class and then there is the opportunity for the children to explore what we have done in the provision.



Learning at Home



Class Dojo -

The children have responded really well to earning dojo points in class and we will be sending a certificate to the children recording how many they have earned this half term. When you see that your child has earned a dojo point, please praise them and encourage them to try to earn more. Lots of positive reinforcement to help manage behaviour in class. We will be clearing the points after Easter and starting a fresh.



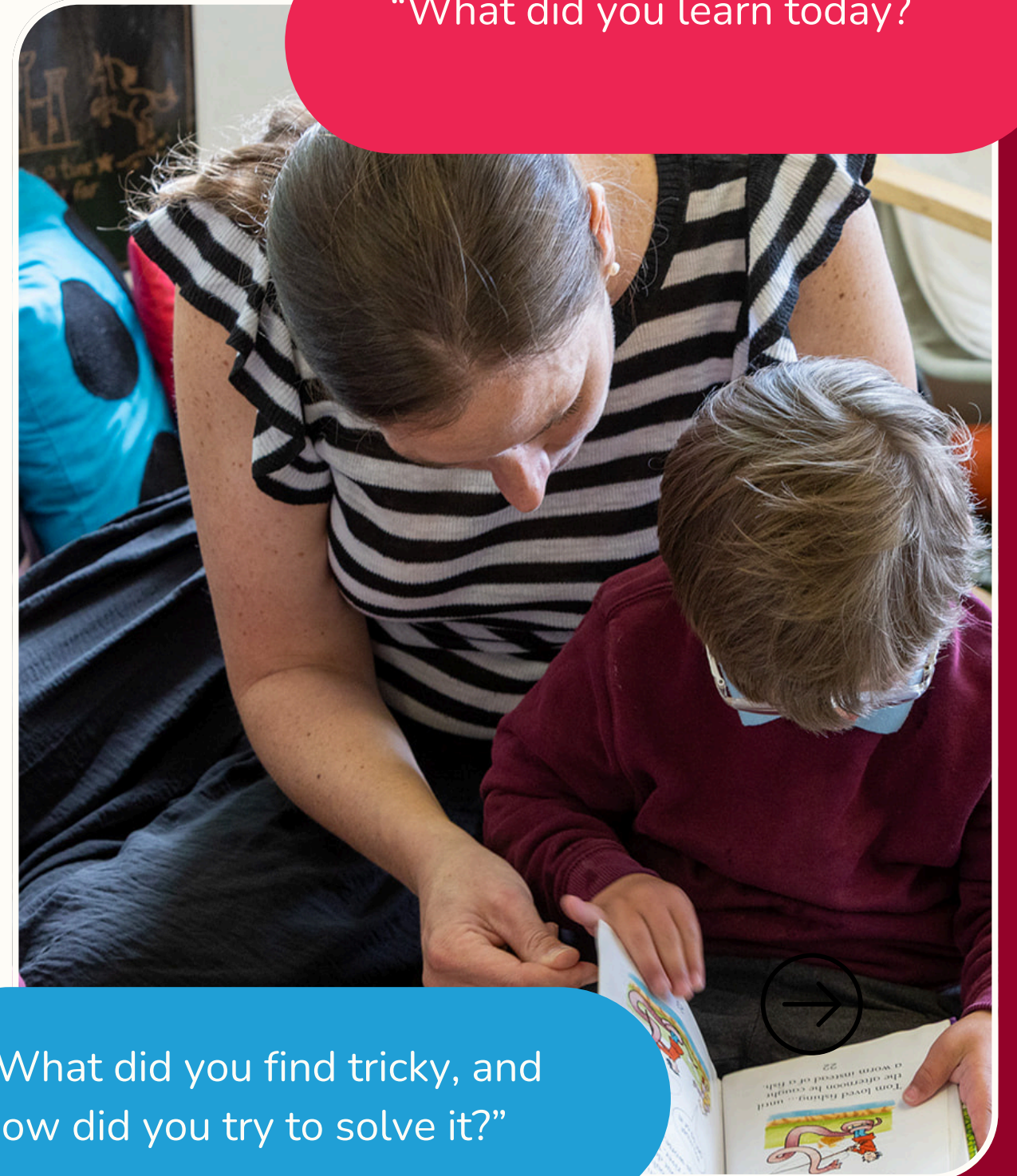
Don't forget the children are able to choose a book from our selection of stories in the cloakroom. If your child chooses the same book again and again, don't worry. As they get to know the story, ask them to tell you the story from the pictures and from their memory. These are all great skills to develop.



For more details on what your child is learning this half term check out our year group [Medium Term Plan](#)

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“What did you learn today?”



“What did you find tricky, and how did you try to solve it?”