

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is delivered through Prime Areas: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**; **Physical Development** and **Communication and Language**.

These core skills are developed through Specific Areas of Learning: **Literacy**; **Mathematics**; **Understanding of the World** and **Expressive Arts and Design**.

Reading and Phonics

Nursery book bags are now being changed on Tuesdays.

The children will begin bringing home two books from 10th January; a story book for you to read and share with them and a 'picture' book. The picture book is aimed at developing children's storytelling skills; talking about who is in the book, where they live and where they go and also what happens to them in the story. The 'Reading Diaries' are a great place for you to record the children's responses and stories.

Daily Diet

Children need to hear at least 5 stories a day to help develop language skills, at school we aim to read 2/3 books per session. So at home you need to aim to share a further 2/3 books each day. Follow this link to find out more about the benefits of reading at home;

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Nursery

Winter Wonderland

During this topic we will look at the Winter Weather and exploring the changes which happen to water and ice.

We will also be learning about the animals and people who live in cold climates.



Home Learning

Please take this time to enjoy being with your children; talk with them, walk with them and play with them!

If you want to take photos of any of your family traditions these can be sent in to Nursery on Wednesday 4th January to prompt conversation with your children about their experiences.

If you have difficulties printing photos you can always email them to the school – homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Outdoor Curriculum

In Nursery we use our outdoor learning area every day, whatever the weather, please ensure your child comes ready to go outside! This will need to include a warm coat, hats and gloves.

As with all clothing items it is essential that it is clearly named, please check regularly that names are still in clothes as they can become faded.

Upcoming Dates

Spring Term begins on Wednesday 4th January

Mornings – 8.40-11.40

Afternoons – 12.30-3.30

Application for Reception places deadline

Monday 15th January ~ even if your child already attends Nursery at Catshill First School and Nursery you need to apply for their Reception place

Clothing and Water bottles

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named – the break is a great opportunity to check that names are still in jumpers and cardigans.

Children need to bring in a healthy drink, such as water, every day to help our brains stay ready to learn. Please name water bottles.