



**KERESFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**  
**SPRING 2 018**  
**NURSERY – CLASS DINOSAUR**

Our topics this half term is 'Houses & Homes'.

*We will also be looking at Spring changes and celebrating Easter.*

Communication, Language and Literacy	<p>The children will develop and extend their vocabulary based on houses, the local community, Spring &amp; Easter. We will also be working on listening carefully to sounds and identify syllables, identifying rhyming words, hearing initial sounds and recognising some letters as part of phase 1 phonics. The children will be encouraged to look at environmental print and give meaning to marks that they make when drawing/painting. They will be encourage to continue to write their name with more independence. We will be working hard to develop our understanding and use of vocabulary (particularly adjectives). We will also be celebrating world book day &amp; hopefully visiting the local library.</p> <p><b>At home</b> – <i>Encourage your child to recognise their own name and talk about the print that you see in the environment e.g. signs &amp; labels. Share stories together and talk about events, characters and settings. Have discussions at home about the things you have seen on Early Essence. Model vocabulary wherever you are.</i></p>
Mathematical Development	<p>The children will be continuing to take part in maths group time where they will develop key mathematical concepts including reciting numbers, counting accurately, recognising numerals, addition, 1 more/less and shapes (2D &amp; 3D).</p> <p><b>At home-</b> <i>Practise counting objects carefully, saying a total and showing an amount on fingers. Point out numerals and shapes in the environment to develop recognition.</i></p>
Understanding the World	<p>We will be going on a walk around the local area to identify key places in the local community. We will be learning our addresses, using the internet to look at aerial photographs and maps as well as looking at different types of home around the world. We will also be learning about seasonal changes (Spring) as well as Easter.</p> <p><b>At home</b> – <i>Talk about things that you have done at the weekend to increase their confidence of talking about events.</i></p>



Expressive Art and Design	<p>The children will use a variety of media (self-selected) to create different art work related to our weekly themes. We will also be learning spring/Easter songs to perform at the end of term at our annual 'Spring Sing'.</p> <p><b>At home</b> – <i>Encourage children to identify colours and explore what happens when they mix colours. Talk about textures.</i></p>
Physical Development	<p>The children will be encouraged to develop their self-help skills-dressing, using the toilet &amp; washing hands independently. We will be continuing to practice name writing and letter formation on a morning where children will be encouraged to hold their pencil using a strong, correct grip. We are also going to be focussing on correct and effective scissor use.</p> <p><b>At home</b> – <i>Help children to practice writing their names. Practise using scissors. Get them to put on and take of their own clothes (coats, scarves, gloves, hats and shoes in particular).</i></p>
Personal, Social, & Emotional	<p>The children will be encouraged to develop independence, selecting and using their own resources and tidying up after themselves. There will be a lot of focus on turn taking- we will be encouraging the children to try and solve their own issues through finding a compromise. During circle time we will be talking about past events, comparing ourselves to our peers, thinking about what makes our mum special &amp; listening carefully to others. <b>At home</b> – <i>Encourage children to select and tidy away their own toys, encourage them to listen to others when they are speaking and respond appropriately, practise turn taking and waiting their turn.</i></p>



**Sharing achievements:** In nursery we like to celebrate the achievements of children but are often unaware of things that they are achieving out of school. Please remember to send in achievements on the coloured 'star cards' or upload achievements to the home learning journey section of Early Essence.

**Class library:** We invite you to come in to look and choose a book with your child. You are welcome to borrow any book from the book box (not the large shelving unit) but we do ask that you only borrow one book at a time. Please write the title of the book on your child's library card, the date it is taken and tick when it is returned. We also have **story sacks** and would encourage you to use them. Story sacks contain a story book, non-fiction text and props to help re-tell the story.

**Benjamin bear:** In Nursery we have a bear called Benjamin. Benjamin likes to join the children and their families at home. Benjamin will be sent home with a different child each week but if you would like to take him for a special occasion please let us know in advance. It is a brilliant way of getting children to talk about past events with confidence.