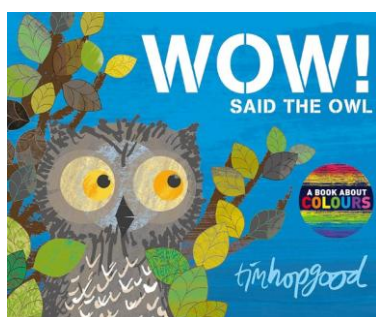


# Nursery Newsletter

Spring 1

A very warm welcome back to all our families and children. We hope you had a lovely holiday. This term, we are welcoming and settling in new children to our Nursery, which means that our sessions are going to be a little busier!

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



## Unit of Learning:

This half term, the Nursery children will be finding out about **routes**. We will be reading some traditional tales and quality books that will support our learning of key vocabulary linked to routes. Throughout the term, we will be reading 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Rosie's Walk'. We will be learning about colours and colour mixing while reading the book 'Wow! Said the Owl'.

We would like to ask all families to take a picture of their child on their way to school, or any other place. It would be good if you could include in your photo something they can always see – their favourite park, bus stop, post box, library, shops, etc. We'd love it if you could upload these pictures to Tapestry so that we could share them with the children.

We will also be learning about the Chinese New Year and learning all about how it is celebrated around the world.

**Maths learning** - This term, the children will be focussing on numbers 4 and 5, positional language and using language to describe different routes. It would be great if you could focus on these things at home too. For example: **Can your child describe where the bear is?** – *in front of the chair, on top of, next to, behind*. **Exploring numbers 4 and 5** for example – can children pick 4 items from a larger amount of things, do they realize that counted objects don't need to be the same colour, shape and size to make 4 (or 5) altogether?

**Phonics** - As part of our phonics learning this term, for the children who have just joined us, we will be engaging in listening and attention games. For those who will be attending Reception in September, we will be playing games to develop their initial sound knowledge and learning how to orally blend and segment. E.g. if you said the sounds c-a-t that they could hear and repeat back the word 'cat'.

**Spare clothes** - Please ensure that your child has a complete change of clothes in a bag on their peg. We ask you to include socks as well. Accidents do happen and we need to be able to change your child quickly to ensure that they are comfortable. **We ask you to write your child's name on all their clothes, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves. The care instructions labels that are sewn into clothing are a good place to write your child's name.**

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The deadline for applications for Reception is 15<sup>th</sup> January. **Please apply if you haven't done so yet.** Please speak with a member of Nursery Staff if you would like some support with this.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jamila, Sarah, Amy, Alison