

# Parakeets

## Spring 2024



## Welcome back

The children have come back to nursery full of zest and curiosity and, as always, ready for learning. We have welcomed new friends with warmth and excitement and look forward to another fantastic term.

## Our Nursery Team

Early Years Lead - Chloe Price  
Class Teacher - Peaches Silkin  
Teaching Assistant - Alisa Williams  
Teaching Assistant - Louise Lilburn  
Early Years Practitioner - Emma Fair

Please talk to your child's teaching team if you have any questions.

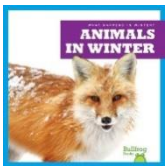
## Start and finish times

Children will start at 9am and finish at 12.00pm midday. Please note that if your child attends the Cooperative Nursery after Parakeets, they will be taken through at 11.45am to have lunch.

In the mornings, the external gate will be opened by a member of staff and you can bring your child to the classroom door where they will be welcomed in by a member of the team.

At the end of the day, the external gate will be opened by a member of staff and your child can be collected from the classroom door.

## What We Are Learning



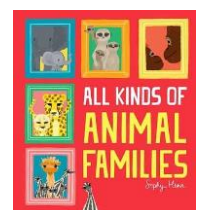
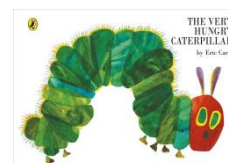
This term, we are reading 'Animals in Winter' part of the Bullfrog Books series. This book will introduce children to the features of non-fiction text, as well as exploring the season of winter through the eyes of winter animals.

Throughout this half-term, we will also be looking at 'Under and Over the Snow' by Kate Messner.



Next half-term, we will be using the following texts:

- 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle
- 'All Kinds of Animal Families' by Sophy Henn



The learning environment enables independent learning and discovery, with continuous provision set up so that the children can self-select and organise their resources for learning. They will be encouraged to interact with learning in these areas:

- Seasonal changes and natural environments
- Hearing initial sounds
- Name recognition and writing
- Mark making in various forms
- Counting and identifying numerals
- Exploration of shape and measurement

### How to help at home

**Reading** daily and encouraging a growing interest in books is vital. Please make time for storytelling, singing and nursery rhymes.

Include **maths** in everyday activities such as laying the table, shopping, sharing items and playing games.

Use rich, interesting **vocabulary** with your child and speak in full sentences. This could be when describing something they see, or having a conversation with them about their feelings.

**Fine motor skills** can be encouraged through the use of Lego, Duplo and other small construction play, as well as using small tools such as tweezers, chopsticks and scissors.

### Clothing

Outdoor learning is a huge part of how children explore in the Early Years. In Nursery, the children have the opportunity to go outside in all weathers and will need a waterproof/warm coat and appropriate footwear if it is cold or wet. Please bear this in mind when dressing your child for Nursery. In addition, children will inevitably get dirty or wet and for this reason, we ask that a change of clothes is provided. Please ensure spare clothing is in a **clearly named bag**. All clothing should be clearly named. Your child is welcome to bring in a scarf and hat too.

### Independence

At Nursery, children are encouraged to be independent. Through problem solving, using bravery and curiosity, children discover their own ways to succeed in the challenges they set themselves. In order to help them develop their independence, we ask that you encourage your child to put on their own coat, hat and scarf at home.

## Water

Your child should bring in a water bottle, which is clearly identifiable as belonging to them.