



# Whittaker Moss Primary School

## Nursery Newsletter

### Spring Term 1 2024



## Starry Night

This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.

### Parent information ×

In the Starry Night project, your child will explore the differences between the world at night time compared with daytime, through a range of exciting and creative activities. They will find out about nocturnal animals and how they find food when it is dark. They will find out about people who work at night and the different jobs that people do when we are asleep. They will discuss bedtime routines and the importance of a good night's sleep. They will explore the night sky and find out about the Moon and stars.

### Supporting your child at home

- Look at the night sky and see how many stars you can see each night.
- See how the Moon changes shape each night.
- Go on a short walk after dark or go into the garden. Take a torch to light the way. Discuss how things look different in the dark.
- Share and discuss the [Did you know?](#) resource.

Maths	Number; Numerical patterns
PD	Gross motor skills; Fine motor skills
PSED	Self-regulation; Managing self; Building relationships
World	Past and present; The natural world
Exp A&D	Creating with materials; Being imaginative and expressive
CL	Listening, attention and understanding; Speaking
Literacy	Comprehension; Word reading; Writing
Memorable experience	Day and night walk
Innovate challenge	Tessy Bear can't sleep

By Cornerstones



## Messages

### Morning Activities

Every morning (from 8:45am—9am). Parents/carers are welcome to join their child/children in Nursery to help them settle in and enjoy different activities with them in the classroom. This is also a great opportunity to speak to the class teacher/teaching assistant about Nursery and have a look at your child's classroom.

### Stay and Play

We have stay and play sessions throughout the year where parents/carers or family members can join us in Nursery. These will be morning and afternoon sessions. More information to follow soon.

### Water bottles, Bookbags and School Uniform

In Nursery the children have access to water all day. School water bottles can be bought from the school office or you can bring a water bottle from home. If you wish to buy a school book bag or uniform (optional) these can be bought from Moses and Ziggys in Rochdale. You can also order online with Ziggys-

<https://ziggyschoolwearrochdale.co.uk>.

Bookbags are very useful for sending home important letters and the children's work.

-If you scroll down, click - shop by school, then primary schools, then Whittaker Moss you will find what you need. The children do not need a PE kit for nursery as we have physical development embedded throughout our curriculum so we develop these skills daily. **You may wish to buy a P.E bag for your child's spare clothes.**

### Nursery Entrances

We use two entrances to drop off and pick up at nursery. Please see the times below.

**Nursery Entrance** -Morning drop off at 8:45am and afternoon pick up at 3:45pm.

**School Main Entrance**- Morning pick up at 11:45am, Lunch time drop off at 11:30am (for lunch) or 12:45pm for the afternoon session and afternoon pick up at 2:45pm.

The school main entrance is also used to drop off and pick up for dragons den (our before and after school club). The door to dragons den is located to the left inside the main entrance.

### Nursery Rewards

Every week we celebrate the children's work and achievements during our 'Celebration time'. Children's photos will be displayed on the proud wall if they win a certificate and we will choose class helpers every day to help us around the classroom. Children receive certificates for being Nursery Superstars (achieved for being an independent learner and applying their skills around the classroom), Star of the Week (whole school reward) and for being the Dojo winner (whole school reward). The staff at lunch time also choose a lunchtime superstar for the week.



### Dojo Points



Nursery will be joining the rest of the school and collecting dojo points throughout the week. The child who receives the most dojo points each week will receive a certificate. There are many ways to achieve dojo points including; sharing, working hard, trying your best, being a good friend, listening on the carpet, helping others and many more ways.

## Donations to Nursery's extra-curricular activities

It would be very much appreciated if you could give your extra-curricular donations to the school office on a termly basis. The money will contribute towards a range of activities including baking and festival food. There is an in depth list on the letter in your nursery pack. A suggested donation would be £8.00 each term or £24.00 for the year. We would be grateful if donations could be paid on the first day of each term in September, January and April. This can be paid at the school office.

### Tapestry

Please log in to Tapestry to see your child learning. Please feel free to comment and 'like' on tapestry as well as share any observations from home.

We regularly share observations from home with the children in Nursery and they love explaining and recounting their experiences from home.

## Spare clothes

Please can you send your child to Nursery with a bag of spare clothes, including socks, in case your child needs changing due to a toileting accident, playing in the messy play or through playing outdoors. This can be left in Nursery on your child's peg. This can be any bag including a school P.E bag if you wish.

Thank you.

## School Website

Have a look at our class pages on the school website to see the children learning and for resources.

[www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk](http://www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk)