



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Nursery!

I would like to thank yourselves and your children for making the start of my journey at Silsden Primary so welcoming and a true delight. Our Nursery children have settled and bounced back into their new and exciting routine with such happy and smiley faces. I am thrilled to be embarking on your child's learning journey with them and cannot wait to see them blossom as this term develops. I value communication and feel passionate that true success arises when people work in harmony. As a result, I would love all to invite you all aboard the adventure we call Nursery! As most you have discovered, Class Dojo is now in full swing for Nursery and will continue to be updated across the course of the term. I like to think of it as space for you to indulge in the inspiring and amazing work of your children. At the end of the day, curl up with your child, Class Dojo and a cup of something good to bring to life their fabulous memories of the day!

Our theme of the half term, if you haven't already guessed, is Winter! We are currently in the process of transforming our classroom into a winter wonderland. Everyday when our children come in, they will find lots of new and engaging activities to keep them busy. To name a few we've had a Wally the Walrus design station, polar bear painting and a reading ice cave. I'm sure your wonderfully curious children will have now informed you about our egg. The one and only magical egg! As the weeks progress our egg will transform and we might even have some hatching going on.

I am excited to inform you that lots of new and exciting opportunities will begin to arise in Nursery. The addition of our wonderful Miss Oddy, just before Christmas, means we have lots of pairs of helping hands. Take a sneak peak at what is to follow...

- **A self-serve snack area**
- **Baking and Cooking**
- **A wonderful library to allow everyone to enjoy a range of engaging children's literature at home!**
- **The Proud Cloud to celebrate pupil achievements and special moments.**
- **The Characters of Effective Learning**

The characters of effective learning are our own bunch of friendly animals. First up is 'Have a Go Flamingo'. She is a very brave flamingo that tries new things and has a go, even when she is feeling a little bit scared or nervous. Have a Go Flamingo will bring along her very own storybook. She needs the children to complete her story with their very own 'Have a Go' moments. Stay tuned and watch this space!

Here is to a magical new term at Nursery!

Miss Keenan, Mrs Rowling, Mrs Brown and Miss Oddy.



Winter



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Proud Cloud
- The Feelings Stars
- Characters of Effective Learning
- The Timetable Train

Communication & Language

- Curiosity Cube - The Egg Discussion
- Question of the Day
- Winter Environment Walks
- Winter Shakers
- Antarctica Video Call
- Winter Songs and Nursery Rhymes

Literacy

- The Message Centre
- Frozen paint mark-marking. We will use frozen paint sticks to write an icy letter.
- 'My Little Book' story making.
- Ice Cave - Winter Stories

Understanding The World

- Nest building
- Ice experiment
- Penguin Live Cam—Edinburgh Zoo
- Baking and Cooking
 - Carrot Biscuits
 - Banana Bread
 - Granola Bars
 - Breakfast Muffins
- Weather reporter song

Mathematics

- Floating and Sinking - boat building.
- Ice Fishing
- Loose Parts Station - Season Snapshot
- Igloo Construction
 - Sugar cubes
 - Cotton Wool
 - Bricks

Physical Development

- Dough disco
- The Snowman Factory
- Snowflake Sensory Soup
- Outdoor Chalk Drawing—Snowy Scenes
- Winter Animal Movement - Dance Choreography

Expressive Arts and Design

- DT station - Wally the Walrus
- Polar Bear Painting
- Snowflake Tinker Tray
- Mosaic Snowflakes
- Weekly music sessions with Mr Crossly

Home Learning

Please refer to ClassDojo. Each week I will pop a fun and family based activity on Dojo for everyone to enjoy. Please send across your pictures, I would love to share them with our Nursery family.

Winter Songs

Five Little Snowmen

Tune: *Incy Wincy Spider*

Five little snowmen standing in a row,
Five little snowmen that are made of snow.
Out came the sunshine and stayed for the
whole day,
and one little snowman melted all away!

Repeat until no snowmen are left.

Four little snowmen...
Three little snowmen...
Two little snowmen...
One little snowman....



The Mitten

Tune: *The Farmer in the Dell*

The mittens on the ground,
The mittens on the ground.

Hi-ho! It's cold outside.

The mittens on the ground.

The (mole burrows) in.

The (mole burrows) in.

Hi-ho! It's cold outside.

The (mole burrows) in.

Continue with: rabbit hops, hedgehog snuffles,
owl swoops, badger climbs, fox trots, bear lum-
bers and mouse wriggles in.

I'm a Little Snowman

Tune: *I'm a Little Teapot*

I'm a little snowman short and round.
Here are my buttons, here is my hat.
When the sun comes out, I can't play.
I just slowly melt away!

The Penguin Pokey

Tune: *The Hokey Pokey*

You put your flippers in
You put your flippers out
You put your flippers in
And you shake them all about
You do the penguin pokey
and you turn around.
That's what it's all about!

Continue with: wings and beak.



Please find the links to some of our favourite songs...

Days of the Week - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKqAblcwFOA>

Dough Disco - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9D5lfqZF3o>

Penguin Song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufOuKmKwnKs>