



Issue 3 - SPRING 1 2025

WELCOME to our new families – we are looking forward to

Our mini-topics this half-term are 'Winter and our senses'; Polar Animals; Chinese New Year and Toys. Our ongoing themes are 'talking about ourselves' and Ten Town and popular rhymes and stories linked to our themes. Our role play area are Polar Explorers and Winter warmers shop.

## 5 a day



To help children eat healthily we offer fruit and milk or water at snack-time. To ensure that there is some variety it would be really helpful if you could bring in a couple of pieces of fruit 2/3 times a week.

### What will your child be learning?

*How to talk about feelings and get along with each other*

*How to make marks and talk about what they might mean*

*Listening for and identifying all different types of sounds –natural and man-made and rhyming.*

*How to help plan activities and select resources independently*

*How to sort and organize tidying up at the end of each session and count returned resources*

*Investigations with ice and slime and other sensory and malleable resources,*

*How to match numerals 1-6 to quantity and explore patterns within number – look out*

*for your child getting their Ten Town certificates*

*How to recognise/ name shapes, patterns and position words*

*And lots more through play and fun activities*

Children 'caught looking at books' will get a

**Super Reader certificate** - please encourage your child and send any

photos of children

sharing books at home.

Children will also be awarded for **Good speaking** and **Good listening** and using our **Word Aware** words.



## FREE PLACES

**Do you have a 2 year old or know any families with 2 year olds ?**

**Eligibility details are accessible online –**

**<https://www.essex.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/help-childcare-costs>**

**so check and register your child ASAP as spaces are filling up for September!**

**Don't delay look around today!**

**Please bring in named waterproof clothes - and named wellies for all weather play.**

**Also a changing bag, with shoes, in case of water play or toiletting accidents.**



## CLASS DOJO Home Photos

We would love to see photos of your children learning and playing at home. Could you please upload them for us to see. If unsure pop in and ask.



## SHARING NEWS FROM HOME

Please let us know if your child has been on a visit or done something special, or achieved something new so we can work together in planning relevant 'follow on' play activities for the children.

We can also celebrate achievements on Class Dojo.

Thank you.

You will also be asked for information about your child when it is their turn to be the **focus child**. **Once this has happened you will be asked to come in to share our observations and set next steps.**

**Please use the portfolio to tell us about your child's current interests too.**

**LOOK AT IDEAS FOR HOME LEARNING ON CLASS DOJO class story.**

**If you want more help/ideas for activities to do at home**

**PLEASE ASK**

**Thank you all for your continued support.**