

LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

LOOKING BACK

We had some frosty, icy, snowy weather in January which was lovely for the children to experience when we were learning about winter. The children have also enjoyed learning about how the vet looks after sick pets. All the animals in our vet role play area were all well looked after. We hope you enjoyed our January photos on Seesaw.



HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS

We will send home our “Keep Healthy, Keep Moving” booklet over the next couple of days. This booklet is a follow on from our “Big Bedtime Read” event in Term 1 as part of the “Getting Ready to Learn” programme. There are lots of ideas for developing your child’s physical skills indoors and outdoors. Why not join in too for the fun!! You can send us a few photos on Seesaw.

MOVING FORWARD

February Topics and Events

This month’s topics include;



Space



Popular book ‘Aliens Love Underpants’



Hospital Play



Valentine’s Day



Please take time to share the Curriculum News with your child and talk to them about what they are learning.

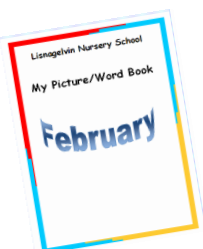
ECO SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

You will have noticed our Eco Display in the front hall. We have introduced the children to lots of ways to look after our nursery environment. You could reinforce this at home too:

- Pick up litter
- Switch off the lights
- Turn off dripping taps
- Close the doors
- Use the paper recycling box
- Use the food recycling box



FEBRUARY LANGUAGE BOOK



After mid-term we will send home our second Nursery Picture Word Book based on our topics in February. These books help with your child's vocabulary development.

We tell the children that the Picture/Word book is their homework and they are excited to share it with you.

It is worth remembering “**vocabulary at age 5 is a strong predictor of the qualifications achieved at school leaving age and beyond**”

– *Centre for Research on the Wider Benefits of Learning, London.*

HEALTH & SAFETY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Could we please remind any parents who come from the grounds of the primary school to drop off or collect their child to **close the gates after them.**

We try to keep our grounds as safe as possible during the school day for the safety of our children. Thank you for your co-operation.

We kindly ask to keep all dogs out of the school grounds.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 12th - Fri 16th February - Half-Term Holiday

Nursery re-opens on **Monday 19th February.**



RECIPES

Simple Pancake Recipe – Easy to follow

13th February - Pancake Tuesday

225 gms Soda Bread Flour
75 gms Caster Sugar
½ pint Buttermilk
1 egg

1. Sieve flour.
2. Add beaten egg and sugar.
3. Mix to a batter adding buttermilk.
4. Pour small quantities onto a hot greased pan.
5. Turn when bubbles burst on top side.

Tip: Use Neill's Soda Bread Flour
We just put all the ingredients in the bowl and mix.



Pancake Rhyme

Mix a pancake, stir a pancake,
Pop it in the pan;
Fry the pancake, toss the pancake,
Catch it if you can!



St. Valentine's Day Biscuits

14th February

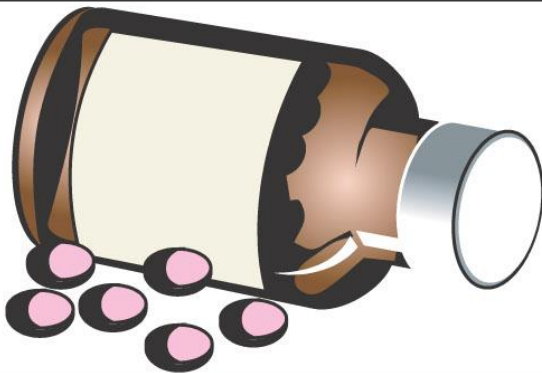
Heart shaped cutters
Shortbread for
50 biscuits
350 gms flour
225 gms marg. (Flora)
110 gms caster sugar

1. Cream, butter and sugar.
2. Add flour gradually.
3. Work into large ball.
4. Roll out and cut.
5. Bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes approx.
6. When cool cover with pink icing.

Prevent poisoning

February

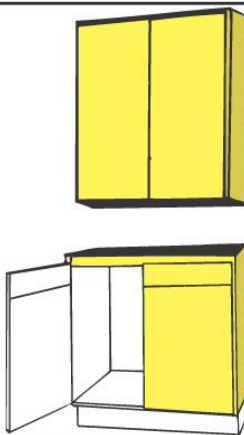
Child safety tips



Medicines should be stored out of children's reach especially those without child resistant packaging



Bleaches and disinfectants should be kept in their original containers and stored appropriately



Store alcohol and disinfectant in a locked cupboard out of the reach of a child. Fit your cupboard with child resistant catches

Eco Elvin

Eco Elvin is my name,
Come and play my
Eco game
Outside and Inside
away we go



Miss Polly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick
So she phoned for the doctor to come quick,
quick, quick
The doctor came with his bag and his hat
And he knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat
He looked at the dolly and he shook his head
He said "Miss Polly put her straight to bed"
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill
"I'll be back in the morning yes I will, will, will"

I Love You



I love you, you love me
We're a happy family
With a great big hug,
And a kiss from me to you
Won't you say you love me too?



I love you, you love me,
We're best friends
Like friends should be
With a great big hug,
And a kiss from me to you
Won't you say you love me



I am Special

(sung to tune of Frere Jacques)
I am special, I am special
If you look, you will see
Someone very special
Someone very special
Yes that's you
Yes that's me.



Star Light, Star Bright

Star light, star bright
First star I see tonight
I wish I may
I wish I might
Have the wish I wish tonight



5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer

5 little men in a flying saucer
Flew around the earth one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away



Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle, diddle
The cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon



Curriculum News:

Outer Space

We are learning about outer space.

We will talk about rockets, astronauts, planets, the moon, stars, space and aliens.

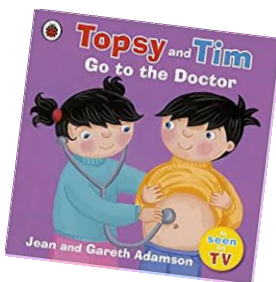
You could help at home by taking me outside at night to look at the moon and stars.

You could also help to develop my counting skills by counting from 1–10 forwards and then backwards "5,4,3,2,1 blast off!"

Start to talk about numbers on signs or car number plates or your front door.

Hospital Play

We will read a story called "Topsy and Tim go to the Doctor".



We will set up a hospital corner in the classroom and pretend to be doctors, nurses, patients and receptionists. We will continue to use the words stethoscope, thermometer, medicine, bandage and x-rays.

Concepts: Long and Short

We have been learning about Winter clothes to keep us warm and cosy.



We will look at lots of scarves and socks to see if they are long or short.



Story: "Aliens Love Underpants"

We will read and discuss this popular story and have lovely displays relating to the story in the nursery.



We will also use this fun story to develop the children's counting skills from 1 - 10 as we count the aliens in the story.

Respecting Difference

We will meet another puppet called Kim. Kim's story aims to foster acceptance, respect and inclusion of children from ethnic minority communities.



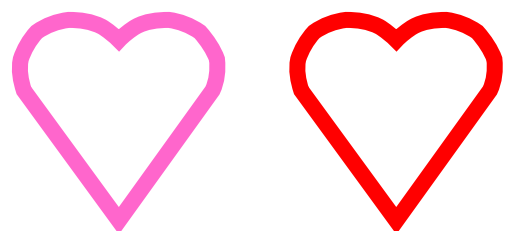
Help me learn my February songs and rhymes!



Shape: Heart

Colours:

Pink and Red



We will decorate some lovely heart-shaped biscuits with pink icing.