



## Nursery Summer 1 Newsletter 2023

### Meet the Teacher



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Class Teacher



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Teaching Assistant



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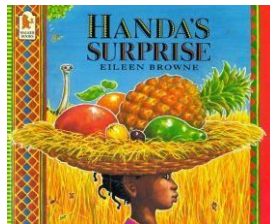


**Miss Smith**  
Teaching Assistant

**Mrs Raitskin**  
Teaching Assistant

### Topic Overview & Key Text

Our key text this half term will be 'Handa's Surprise'. This story is about a young girl who lives in a village in Kenya. Handa decides to take seven different fruits in a basket to her friend Akeyo, who lives in a nearby village. She walks to Akeyo's village with the basket of fruit balanced on her head. On her journey, each fruit is taken by a different animal until no fruit is left!



Using the text, we are going to investigate and talk about life in a different country. We will learn



about Africa, looking closely at jungle and safari animals. Then, we will explore things people wear, what people like to eat and what their homes look like. How are these things different from

life in Manchester? Using our senses, we will taste, smell and touch the different fruits that Handa gathers for her friend. How many people like the avocado? Which fruit is the most popular? We might even eat some tangerines!

### Writing

The children will continue to use a variety of tools and natural materials such as mud, sand and water. In addition to mark making freely in the environment, they are encouraged to express their ideas in response to carpet sessions led by an adult. This is wonderfully expressive and a great way to enhance their pencil grip. We will continue name writing regularly, which helps the children to label their creations, and encourage them to write the initial sounds of words they can hear.



### Reading and Phonics

We will continue to demonstrate and embed a love of reading through sharing stories and providing engaging and exciting books. The children will continue to identify the rhythm in words, created by the pattern of syllables and practise saying the individual sounds.



We are focusing on Fred Talk which is segmenting and blending. This is breaking down the words into sounds and merging all the sounds together (saying the word). This term, we will introduce the first set of sounds to the children. First, they will become familiar with the image linked to the sound e.g. tower for t. Once they are confident in recognising the image, they will learn how to say the sound.

If you would like to know more about this, please speak to the Nursery team.

### Maths

We will continue to look at the numbers 0-5 and match the number to a quantity of objects. We will use our number knowledge to talk about number stories, Handa had 4 mangoes then the monkey took one. How many are left?

Using our key text, we will explore Handa's journey talking about the route she takes and creating our own. How can we get to our friends in Reception?





## Nursery Date & Routines

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
			Return Library Books	New Library Books sent home



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