



## Nursery Summer 1 Newsletter 2023

### Meet the Team



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Class Teacher



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Teaching Assistant



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Teaching Assistant



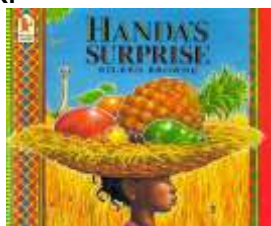
**Mrs Younas**  
Teaching Assistant



**Mrs Chaudury**  
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. She decides to take seven different fruits in a basket to her friend Akeyo who lives in a nearby village. Handa 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!



We will use this text to investigate and talk about life in a different country. We will learn about Africa including jungle and safari animals, things people wear, what people like to eat and what their homes look like. How are all of these things different from life in Manchester? We will also use all of our senses to taste, smell and touch the different fruits that Handa gathers for her friend.

### Reading and Phonics

This half term we will be focusing on our Fred Talk. This means we will be segmenting and blending sounds into words. For example Fred saw a c-a-t. What did Fred see?



We will also 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.



### 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.

We will continue to practising our name writing regularly and encourage the children to write labels for this creations. We are already so impressed with how enthusiastic the children are when writing their names. We will use our Phonic knowledge to write the initial sounds of words they can hear.

### Maths

Our key text is all about going on a journey. We will be thinking about Handa's Journey and talking about the route she goes on. We will explore and name 2D and 3D shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, rectangle and cuboid.

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 talk about number stories, Handa had 4 mangoes then the monkey took one. How many left?

### Stay and Play

Our stay and play sessions will return this half term and will take place every **Wednesday** from **8.40-9.20am**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to explore the classroom with your child.



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## Nursery Dates & Routines

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
		Stay and Play 8:40am-9:20am	2:50 p.m. Mystery Reader (please ask a member of the team if you would like to come in and read a story to the children)	Story Share

### Key Dates

#### Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Thursday 25th May 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

School Re-opens at 8:40am

**Bank Holiday (School is Closed  
for the day)**

**Coronation Bank Holiday  
(School is closed for the day)**

School Closes at 3:15pm

**Staff Training Day**

#### Half Term

Monday 5th June 2023

Thursday 20th July 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

School Re-opens at 8:40am

School Closes at 3:15pm

**Staff Training Day**