

NEWS # 5 – JANUARY 2026: SPRING TERM

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		LEARNING & INTEREST FOCUS FOR STORIES, SONGS & ACTIVITIES			CELEBRATIONS / EVENTS	
January		TOPIC: WINTER & STORIES				
WEEK	DATE	CUB TOPIC	BEAR TOPIC	SWAN TOPIC		wk
1	6 - 9	Goldilocks & 3 Bears (In the Woods)	Goldilocks & 3 Bears (In the Woods)	Little Red Riding Hood (In the Woods)	Spring term begins TUE 6 th	1
2	13 - 16				Welcome Meeting 15 th	2
3	20 - 23	3 Little Pigs (Farm)	3 Little Pigs (Farm)	Little Red Hen	Phonics Workshop Wed 21 st	3
4	27 - 30			Rosie's Walk		4

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! We hope you that you all stayed fit and healthy and enjoyed a very special celebration and Christmas break with your family. **Welcome to Tidbury!** Two new children are joining us this month – Maddox in the bear group, Eden in the cub group. A BIG warm Tidbury welcome to you both.

EVENTS THIS MONTH ...

Welcome Meeting for new parents: Thurs 15th Jan 3:00 until 4:00 pm. A chance to meet other parents and to learn all about life at Tidbury and how we work together. TBC
Phonics Workshop: This is a workshop for swans and their parents on Wednesday 21st January. Times and further information TBC

TOPIC: WINTER WEATHER & STORIES : What your child will be learning at nursery this month Also a few suggestions of how you can extend & support their learning at home ...

What all the children will be thinking about and learning	Home learning for the cubs ...	Home learning for the bears ...	Home learning for the swans ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembering what we did over the Christmas break, presents we had, time shared with family or maybe an exciting experience. Talking about changes we see and feel in the weather outside as they occur. What's happened to the flowers, animals & trees? Story Time - Who are the characters in our story? What is the title? How does the story begin/end? Why did the character do that? Exploring story language through play. Can you remember what they said? What they did next? 	<p>Introduce Nursery phrases and signs at home "Cold" and "Book"</p>  <p>Hold closed hands in front of your body and move hands quickly side to side, keep shoulder hunched.</p>  <p>Hold your hands together and then open down the middle like a book.</p> <p>Look at books together and talk about the pictures. Begin by labelling what you see e.g. small goat or big goat, green troll or extend their understanding in a book they are familiar with, what's the troll doing?</p> <p>Make a little book nook your child can go to and choose a book to sit at look at independently. Add books with repeated phrases e.g. run, run or that's not my.. Hardback books or board books are usually easier for little hands.</p>	<p>Go on a Wintery Walk together, I wonder what you will see and feel? What will you need to wear? Why? Has anything changed?</p> <p>The Bears really enjoy short stories with simple but interesting illustrations, flaps to lift and phrases to copy. They will also enjoy reading the same book over several times.</p> <p>Simplified traditional tales are perfect for your Bear. Encourage them to join in with you and extend their understanding by asking simple questions e.g. Who's this? Where did they go? What's going to happen next? Then explain what you can see happening.</p> <p>Have a look through your child's bookshelf/box together, which books would they like to read with you? Have 5 or 6 available for them to look at independently and switch them every month so you can both enjoy different stories together.</p>	<p>Your swan will have their own favourite stories but will also enjoy lots of new ones, so now is a great time to join your local library, children's books are always free to loan and it's a lovely free trip out once a month too!</p> <p>As swans we are learning about features of books as well as the stories inside. Try and highlight these when choosing new books or picking a story for bedtime. Features include the title, the author/illustrator, back cover and blurb, speech bubbles & page numbers.</p> <p>Stories are always about more than just the words so cuddle up together for conversations about the book as you read, look closely at the pictures. What's actually happening and Why? Introduce questions such as How do you know? What do you think will happen next? Be a good role model by giving your own explanations too.</p>