



LITTLE HERONS NEWSLETTER

Little Herons Nursery at West Monkton Primary School
Igniting a passion for learning

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Manager's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to all our children and families! Despite the damp start to the academic year, we are thrilled to see how quickly the children have settled back into the nursery routines. Their adaptability and enthusiasm have been wonderful to witness.

A special welcome to all the new children who have joined Little Herons—we are excited to get to know you and watch you grow as part of our community. For our returning children, we look forward to seeing them continue to flourish and shine in the months ahead.

Here's to a fantastic year of learning, fun, and discovery!

Nadia Conner— Manager

Who's who?

- ◇ **Nadia Conner**— Manager, Behaviour lead
- ◇ **Adele Maxwell**— Deputy Manager and SENCo
- ◇ **Lucy Redfern**— Early Years Practitioner, Phonics lead
- ◇ **Megan Sutton**— Early Years Practitioner, Mathematics lead
- ◇ **Emily Walker**— Early Years Practitioner, Talk Boost
- ◇ **Lucia Baker**— Early Years Practitioner, Oral Hygiene lead
- ◇ **Roxy Depledge**— Early Years Practitioner
- ◇ **Abby Barrett**— Early Years Practitioner
- ◇ **Mariam Bi**— Early Years Practitioner



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Phonics

Each morning the children engage in a 10 minute phonics activity, where we divide the children into groups and learn about either;

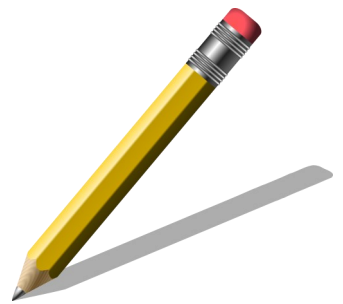
- Attention bucket
- Pre-phonics
- Phonics—Letters and Sounds
- Bug club

Mathematics

Similarly to phonics each afternoon the children engage in a 10 minute adult led activity where they look at mathematical concepts which relate to their own age and stage. For our academic school leavers they are learning mastering number which is followed throughout the school.

Funky fingers and dance time

At the end of the day the children engage in adult led activities where they are building on their fine and gross motor skills. This enables the children to build the necessary muscles needed for later on in



What you may need to bring to nursery!

When your children start nursery for the first time, it can be a bit tricky to think of what to pack for them! To support our parents with this, we have created a checklist of things your child **may** need during their time here at Little Herons!

- Nappies (if **needed**)
- Wet wipes
- Weather appropriate clothing and hats (**labelled**)
- Coat
- Wet weather clothes, e.g. puddle suits and wellie boots (**for winter months**)
- Sun cream (**labelled**)
- Water bottles (**labelled**)
- Lunch box (if **not having hot dinners**)
- A few sets of spare clothes (**labelled**)



We do ask that children do not bring in toys from home unless they are comforters, as we cannot guarantee that they will return in one piece!



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When dropping off and collecting your child from nursery, please can we ask that you **do not** park in the staff car park. Between 08:30-09:00am and 14:45-15:15 we ask that you park in the adjacent car park or on the main road where possible.

Food preparation!

Can we please ask if packing grapes in your children's lunches, to cut them length ways to prevent the risk of



Nuts!

Please be aware that the entire school, including the nursery is nut free! This includes whole nuts, chocolate-hazelnut spread and other nut

Tapestry and Famly

A reminder we are using both Famly and Tapestry this academic year. Famly is a way to communicate with the setting regarding your child. Tapestry is where we share what your child has done throughout the week.

Facebook and Instagram

As some of you will be aware, we have a Facebook page dedicated to the nursery! Please be sure to check out our page for updates on the nursery, and pictures of your children!

We have recently opened our own Instagram page where we are sharing updates to the nursery décor and activities we use in the nursery.

Please be aware that if you do not want your child to be on Facebook, be sure to contact our manager, Nadia Conner, so we can update your preferences on the permissions form.