



**Nursery**  
**Mrs Marsden**  
**Summer Term 2026**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of Summer term in Nursery. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter and are ready for an exciting term ahead. If you have any questions, then please remember we are always here to help; either speak to us at the end of the day, message me on Class Dojo or email the school office:

[office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk)

Mrs Marsden

We are...

**Aspirational**  
**Resilient**  
**Kind**

**HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD**

- Read with your child at home. If possible, please read a story to your child every day.
- Talk with your child at every opportunity. This will help to develop listening, speaking and understanding skills.
- Encourage your child to develop their independence, encouraging them to use the toilet independently, walk into nursery independently, use a knife and fork when eating and put on their own coat.
- Collect items to show, related to topics being taught in class.
- At this stage, it is important that children are starting to hear sounds in words, eg, initial and final sounds. Please play lots of rhyming games and initial sound games with your child to help develop this skill.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**FRIDAY** – We will have our 'Outdoor Learning' sessions on Friday morning. Please send your child into school wearing clothing suitable for the weather (wellies and waterproofs, or sun hat and sun cream). Also please send a bag of spare clothes.

**UNIFORM:** Please make sure that your child's uniform is **clearly labelled**; we have so many children that items of uniform are easily lost. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Children can bring a water bottle containing **water**.

**HOMEWORK:** Children in nursery will not receive weekly homework. However, we encourage parents to share children's home experiences with us which we can use towards evidence of their learning. Please upload home learning onto Class Dojo.

**SNACK:** All children in EYFS are offered fruit each day, these vary from raisins, pears, apples etc. In addition to this, you can send your child

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

Your child will bring home a library book every Wednesday. Please read to your child every day. Library books will be changed once a week (Wednesday) and a new book will be allocated. If you would like to change your library book please return to school before Wednesday.

with a healthy snack from home in a small, named container.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Trip to Imagine That w/c 25<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Teacher Training Day.**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Eid celebration day**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Sports Day**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – New Parents Meeting**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – School BBQ**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Reserve EYFS Sports Day**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Summer Fair**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term 2pm finish.**

### **SUBJECT OVERVIEWS**

#### **Our topics this term include:**

Easter News

Let's Grow

Eid

Father's Day

Animals

Summer

#### **Communication & Language**

The children will continue to develop their communication and language skills through our weekly stories. Children will be encouraged to talk about the story, discussing what happened, what they liked about the story etc. Children will also be encouraged to develop communication skills through play by being given opportunities to express ideas through play with their peers.

#### **Physical Development:**

##### **Fine motor skills**

Continue to develop good pencil grip and pencil control skills.

Practising using a knife and fork.

Using scissors

##### **Gross Motor skills**

Riding bikes

Ball skills

Dancing

**PSE:**

Relationships

Changing Me

**MATHS:**

Length

Capacity

3D Shapes

Patterns

Routes and positional language

Sequencing events

**LITERACY:**

We will continue to carry out daily phonics activities to continue to develop our listening skills and we will continue to learn to hear rhyming words and initial sounds in words. This term, the children who are starting school in September will also start their Read Write Inc journey. They will be introduced to the picture cards and will start to learn how to form some letters correctly.

Let's grow

Oliver's Vegetables by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French

The Crunching Munching Caterpillar by Sheridan Cain

Animals

Garden – What The Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson

Farm Animals – Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

Ocean – The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson

Father's Day – My Superhero Dad by Timothy Knapman

**Understanding the World:**

Let's Grow- We will introduce the children to lifecycles focussing on the lifecycle of a plant and butterflies. The children will learn to care for plants and animals and develop respect for the natural world.

Animals – We will introduce the children to different groups of animals focussing on farm animals, mini beasts and sea creatures.

The children will learn how to care for and look after plants and animals.

Summer – We will revisit the previous 3 seasons, which we have focussed on and talk about the changes we can see outside, focussing on what happens during summer.

**Expressive Arts & Design:**

Let's Grow – Observational drawings of growing seeds and plants/flowers.  
 Animals – Developing our own stories using small world play and building our own small worlds.  
 Eid & Father's Day – Making cards

**SCHOOL RULES**

Ready...Respectful...Safe

**Class Dojo**

Children will earn dojos in class all year which will contribute towards earning a trophy when they have collected 10 dojos. Dojos will be awarded for following our school rules and values.

Summer 1				
Week 1 20.4.26	Week 2 27.4.26	Week 3 4.5.26	Week 4 11.5.26	Week 5 18.5.26
Our Easter News	Let's Grow - Plants	Let's Grow - Plants	Let's Grow - Butterflies	Let's Grow Butterflies

Summer 2						
Week 1 1.6.26	Week 2 8.6.26	Week 3 15.6.26	Week 4 22.6.26	Week 5 29.6.26	Week 6 6.7.26	Week 7 13.7.26
Eid	Animal Adventures Farm Animals	Father's Day	Animal Adventures Minibeasts	Animal Adventures Ocean Animals	Summer	Summer