

Welcome to Nursery with Mrs Revill, Miss Steele and Mrs Hamidi February-April 2025



Welcome back and we hope you all had a fabulous half term break. We hope you're all rested up and ready for an exciting new half term in Nursery.

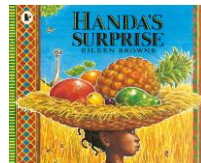
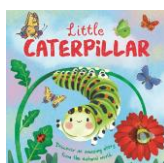
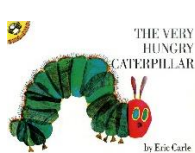
Last half term began with us welcoming our new children into the classroom. The children who have been with us since September excelled themselves and have proven to be great role models with behaviour, routines and expectations and helping the new children to settle in. We're looking forward to getting to know them throughout their school life.

The snow at the beginning of the year was a great introduction to our Winter topic and we all enjoyed making snowmen and having snowball fights before it melted. During the term, we have been learning about the Winter, exploring what the weather is like, what are the best clothes to wear and which animals live in snowy, cold places. Despite it being cold, each day, we dressed in our warm, waterproof clothes and boots and went outside. We had lots of fun searching for ice, exploring how strong it is and how it melts.



This half term our theme will be **'Growing'**. We will be learning about different things that grow including plants, animals and ourselves and explore what is needed to grow healthy and strong. We will be looking at changes over time and what happens when something or someone grows.

To support our learning, we will be reading a range of books such as, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Little Caterpillar', 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Grow it!'.



Reading & Phonics:

This term, we will continue to develop the children's pre reading skills though Phase 1 phonics. Phonics in Nursery is taught through a range of games and hands-on activities to develop the children's listening skills and sound differentiation prior to teaching the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. Please continue to support your child's language development, their listening and attention skills and to embed a love of reading by reading them a bedtime story each night.

To prepare our children who are starting Reception in September, we will be encouraging more mark making and drawing. We will be exploring different media such as paint, chalks, pencils and felt tip, carefully thinking about what we are drawing, enclosing lines to make shapes and talking about what we have drawn.

Maths:

This term, we will continue to practise counting, speaking clearly to say each number in the correct order and knowing the last number we say tells us how many there are. We will develop our knowledge of numbers to 5, recognising how these are written, explore what they represent by matching quantities of objects and explore how they are made up of smaller numbers. We will continue to explore and name different shapes, looking at their different properties and using mathematical language such as straight and curved to describe them.



As you are aware, at Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We post some helpful videos and messages that will support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to 'like' the posts we share with you to help us see you have read it!



We aim to keep you up to date with upcoming events and to tell you about ways you may be able to support your child's learning at home.

Please label your child's clothing, we want to make sure that uniform stays with the right people. We ask that this includes coats and shoes as we will be accessing our amazing outside area in all weathers and might need to wear our wellies sometimes if it's wet. As the colder weather is now here, lots of our children still love to play outside and there may be times they get wet. With this in mind, can we please ask that all children have a change of clothes including pants and socks in their bag so we can change them if necessary.

If your child needs to borrow clothes from school, they will be sent home with a slip to tell you. Can we please ask that these clothes are washed and returned to school promptly. Thank you for your support with this.

Don't forget nursery session times are as follows. Please ensure you drop off and pick up promptly at the beginning and end of a session.

Morning sessions – Monday to Friday 8.30 – 11.30am.

Afternoon sessions – Monday to Friday 12.15-3.15pm.

Full day sessions – Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm. Your child will need a healthy packed lunch each day. Don't forget to send them with a fork or spoon if they will need it to eat their lunch.

If you are working or studying and think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, please speak with a member of Nursery staff for more information.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or get in touch on ClassDojo messenger.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child continue to flourish at Little London Academy.

Many thanks,
The Nursery Team

Important Dates:

Monday 24th February – Return to school

Friday 4th April - Break up for Easter holiday (2 weeks)

Wednesday 16th April – Leeds City Council Reception offer day (for those who are due to start school in September 2025)

Tuesday 22nd April – Return to school for Summer term



Things you can do to help:

- Reading bedtime stories at home, if you don't have any story books to read to your child please come and see us and we can help with this.
- Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.
- Looking at Tapestry regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.

