

# Dovecote Nursery News

## Autumn 1 2023



Children First

Welcome back to our N2 children and a special welcome to all our new N1 children. We are so excited to re-open our doors after the Summer break. We are really looking forward to working with you all.

**Please remember to label all bags, jumpers, cardigans and coats with names.** It really helps us! Finally a request about footwear, if you are able to send your child in Velcro or buckle shoes this saves us a lot of precious learning time throughout the day from tying shoe laces! As always thanks in advance for your continued support.

Our focus story for this half term is:

### **We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen**

We will be reading the story lots and acting it out so the children have a good grasp of the language used. Please read it/ watch it on YouTube with your child to support them with this.

We will also be practising counting to 5 using nursery rhymes to help us such as '1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive'. Please practise this at home!



If you haven't yet signed up to our messaging app '**Marvellous Me**' please ask as it is a great way for us to keep in touch about what is happening in Nursery!

If your child has been involved in a special event/new experience/celebration/achievement at home please tell us about it and feel free to bring in some photos to share and we can include it in their **special book**.

In **Phonics** this half-term we will be helping the children to develop their listening skills by playing lots of games with noises and sounds. We will be beginning to learn letters and the sounds they make. You can help your child by talking about noises you can hear out and about, and playing sound guessing games.



### **At home you could...**

- Talk about** their daily routine at Nursery, helping to tidy up, being a kind friend and listening carefully.
- **Read** any stories that your child is interested in! It doesn't matter what story it is as long as they are enjoying it! 😊 Feel free to bring in a favourite.
- Draw** a picture of themselves and their family. Bring it in to show us!
- Write** Practise writing their name if they are ready for it.

Thank you for your support,  
The Nursery Team

