



January 2019

### Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the spring term! We have lots of fun activities planned for the children. We are focusing on schematic play alongside lots of other activities.

Schemas are described as patterns of repeated behaviour which allow children to explore and express developing ideas and thoughts through their play and exploration.

The repetitive actions of schematic play allow children to construct meaning in what they are doing. Babies and young children learn best through opportunities to engage in active learning through hands on experiences. These opportunities allow babies and children to problem solve, question, predict, imagine, speculate and develop independent choices as they make decisions in an area they are familiar with. Some of the most common types of observed schema include -

Trajectory, Transporting, Rotation, Connecting, Enclosing, Positioning, Enveloping, Orientation. We will be incorporating these schemes into to planning over the next few weeks.

**Happy  
New Year!**

### Christmas Hamper

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the Christmas hamper. We raised £300 for some lovely new sensory resources.

### Nursery News

We are hoping that building work will be completed within the next week. Thank you for your patience throughout this time we're looking forward to the sensory room being created.

### Staff

We are very excited to welcoming Mary back. Mary will be working with the Cats group and has now completed her Level 3 qualification.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. I am available any time for you to come and see me and share your thoughts or email me on [brixworth@sunnysocks.co.uk](mailto:brixworth@sunnysocks.co.uk).

Kind regards,  
Natalie Smith, Nursery Leader

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### **Important Dates**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019: School Application Deadline.**

**This year's 5 week invoice months will be January May & July.**

### **Reminders**

**Wintry weather - Please remember warm coats, wellies, gloves, hats & spare socks so all children can continue to enjoy the farm & garden.**

**Fees - Please remember fees are due by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the invoice month.**

**Children absence - Please remember to email us if your child is not attending any sessions, we are required to record absences.**

### News

**Photos: If you haven't received your digital download order from the photographer please speak to Natalie.**

**Preschool – We have introduced some activity books and homework for our older children. The children will work in small groups to complete their activity books. The homework books have been well received. We hope that the children enjoy completing their homework with you.**

**Primary school Places: If your child is due to start school in September 2019 the deadline for applying for a school place is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**Opening Times - We are now open from 7.30am offering breakfast club for any early birds. We offer a healthy range of cereals. The children are enjoying making smoothies and juicing their own oranges.**

**Tapestry – Please speak to Natalie if you have not yet accessed your Tapestry account every child has an account as it is important that parents have access to their child's learning journey. It is important that you can access their account. You may have noticed that you can comment on Observations through Tapestry. We would like to encourage parents to add comments and share photos of your children's achievements at home.**

**Baby Room – The baby room are handing out a updated routine form. If you can fill the form out and return to nursery then we can ensure that your child's routine is correct.**

**Baby Room – If you haven't already please can you provide us with a few family photos for the family photo board.**