

# Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2016

Terms 3 & 4

## Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to nursery as we begin our busy Spring term!

We would also like to welcome our new families - we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children in the coming weeks.

It has been so lovely to observe really excellent and mature behaviour in terms 1 and 2. Visitors to nursery always comment on how well the children are engaged in their learning and how brilliantly they sit and listen to adults.

We have seen good progress made in the children's speaking skills and it has been wonderful to observe this.

### Staffing

The staffing in nursery remains the same this term with Miss Ruth Beaumont, Mrs Cheryl Short and Mrs Nichola Morgan (Wednesdays Thursdays and Fridays). Mrs Yulia Smith also supports the children for a period of time each day.

*Learning with Numicon!*



### Newsletter.

There is a weekly newsletter for the school and nursery. It is published every Friday. The website address is

[www.lyncrestprimary.net](http://www.lyncrestprimary.net)

If you require a paper copy, please let Ruth Beaumont know.

### Post- it assessments.

We make regular observations which form part of our assessments. You may have noticed that the look of some of the assessments have changed - this is our new assessment tool, 2 Build a Profile. Please ask if you are not sure what it means.

You can help us to have an accurate picture of your child by giving us post it notes of achievements your child makes at home. This may be linked to their learning, play, physical or social development, for example, if your child has been kind or helpful at home, dry at night, or shared a story book.

You can collect post- it notes in the parents area.

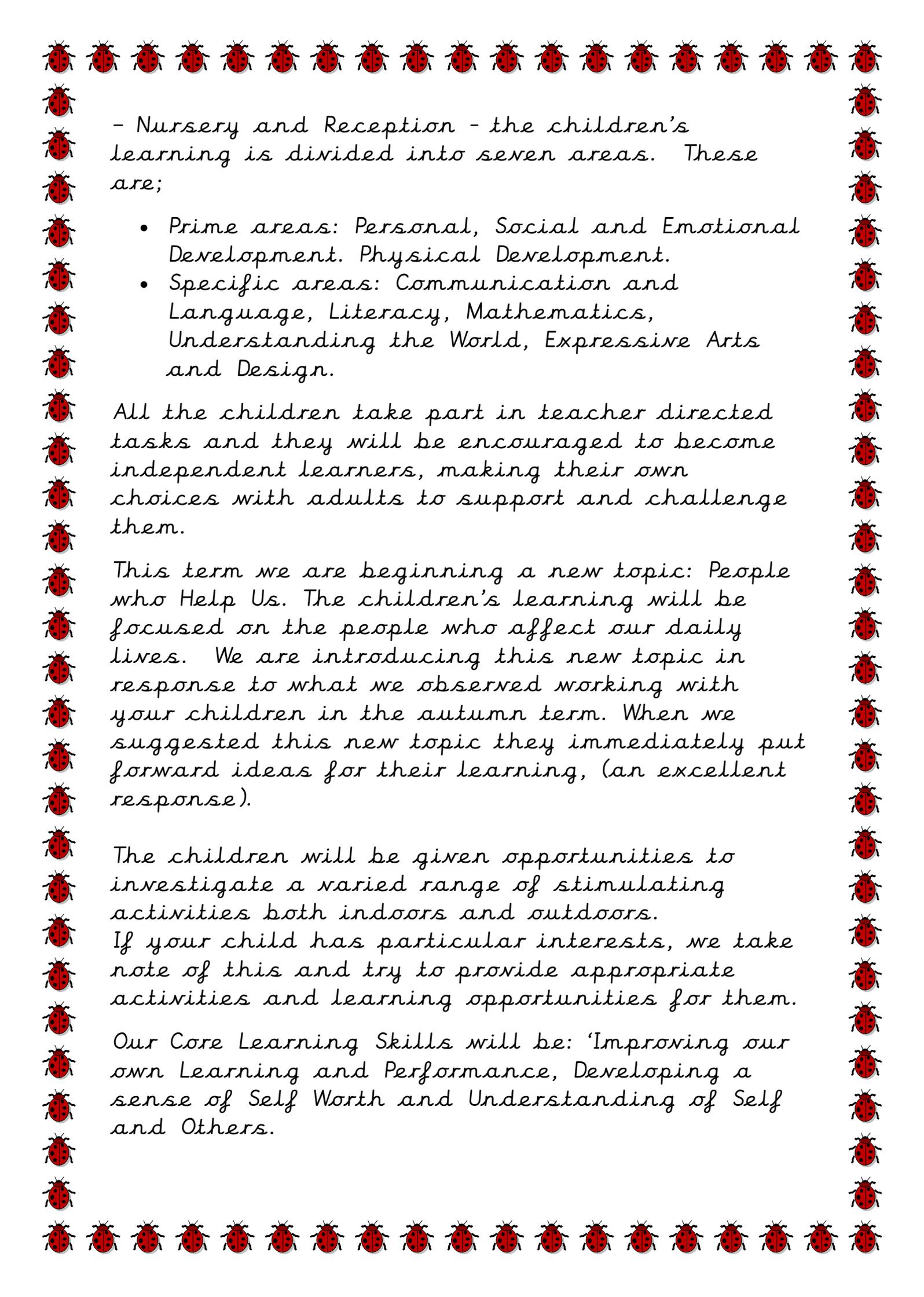


### Learning in

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### Nursery

Foundation Stage



- Nursery and Reception - the children's learning is divided into seven areas. These are;

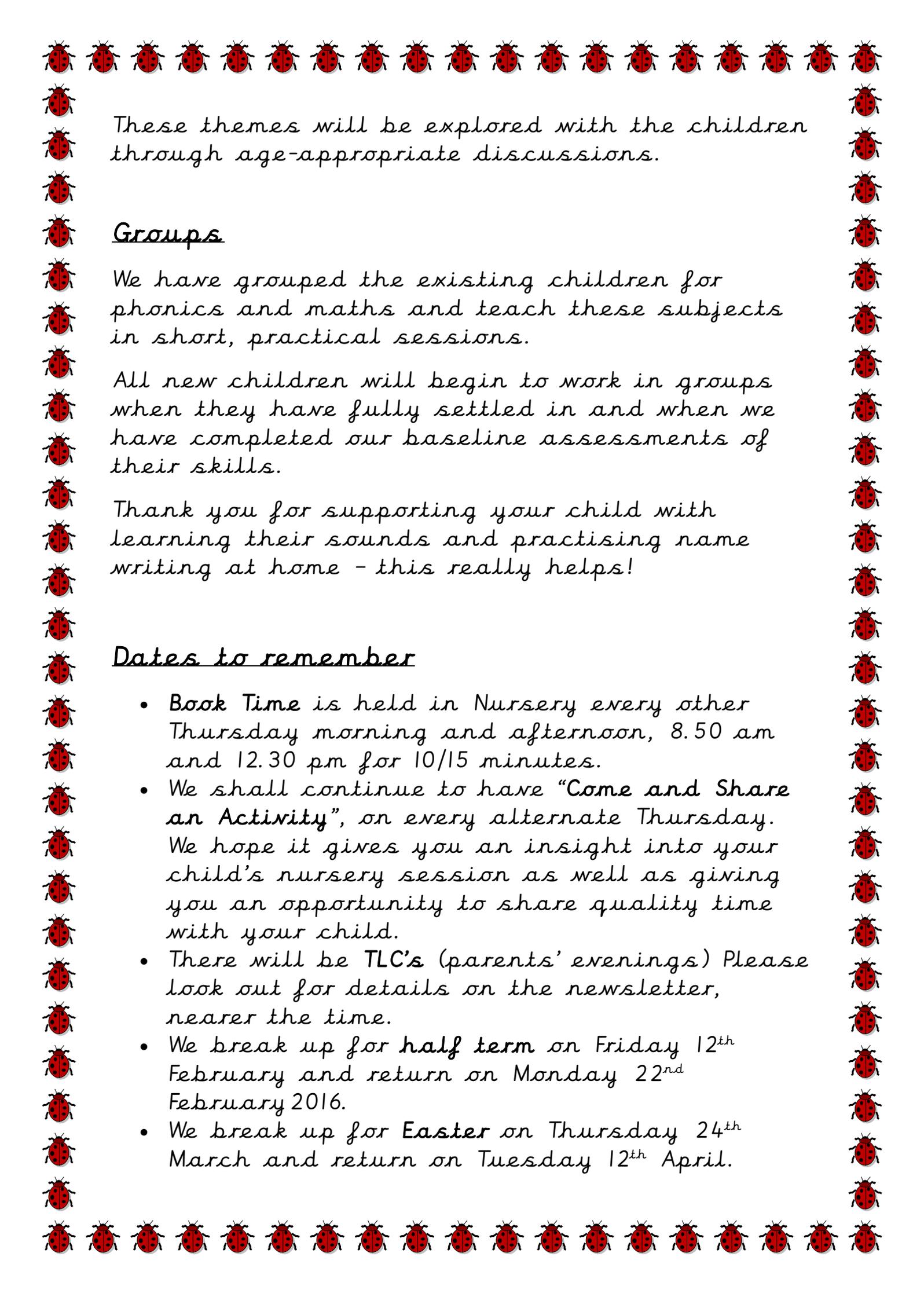
- Prime areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Physical Development.
- Specific areas: Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design.

All the children take part in teacher directed tasks and they will be encouraged to become independent learners, making their own choices with adults to support and challenge them.

This term we are beginning a new topic: People who Help Us. The children's learning will be focused on the people who affect our daily lives. We are introducing this new topic in response to what we observed working with your children in the autumn term. When we suggested this new topic they immediately put forward ideas for their learning, (an excellent response).

The children will be given opportunities to investigate a varied range of stimulating activities both indoors and outdoors. If your child has particular interests, we take note of this and try to provide appropriate activities and learning opportunities for them.

Our Core Learning Skills will be: 'Improving our own Learning and Performance, Developing a sense of Self Worth and Understanding of Self and Others.



These themes will be explored with the children through age-appropriate discussions.

## Groups

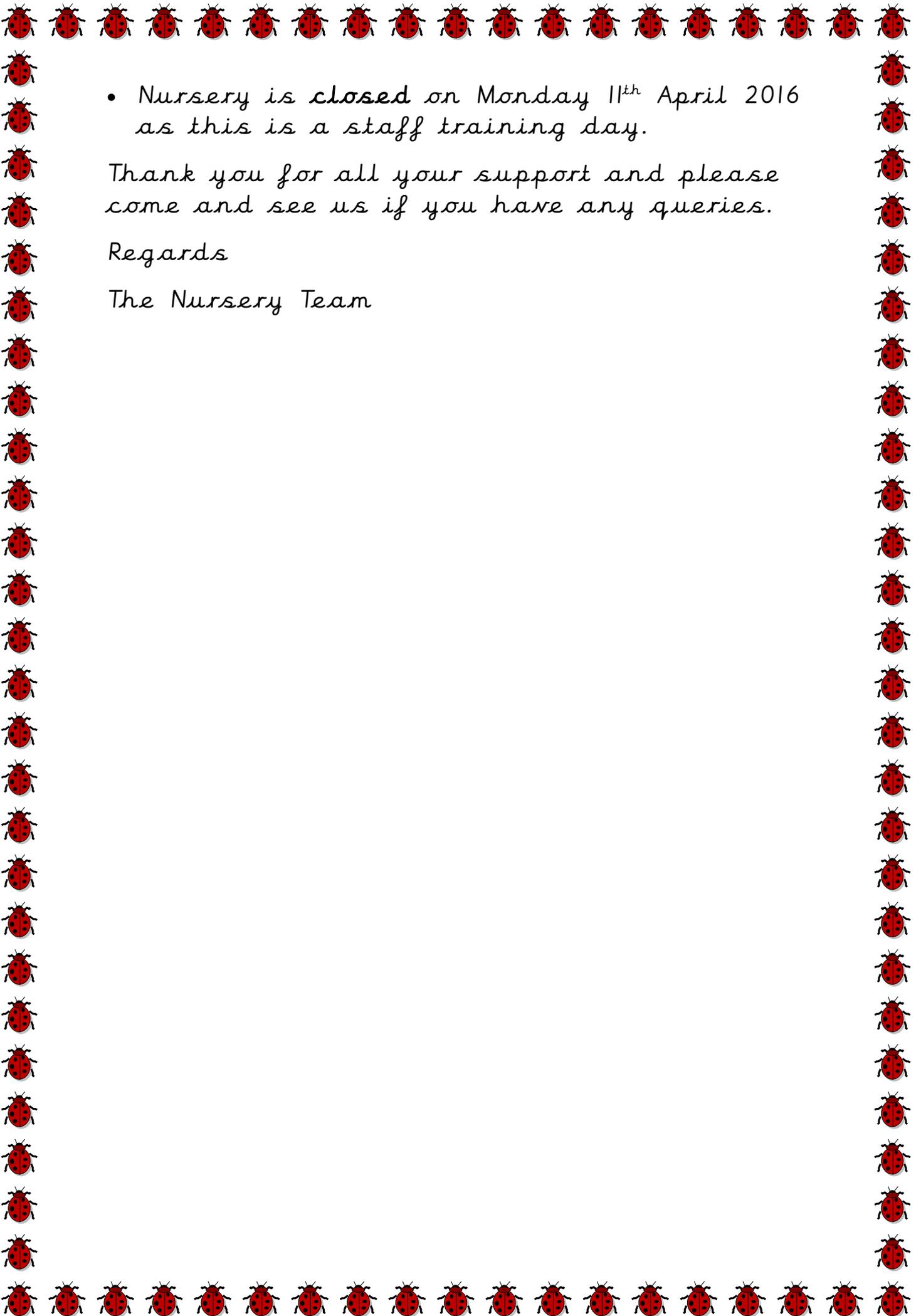
We have grouped the existing children for phonics and maths and teach these subjects in short, practical sessions.

All new children will begin to work in groups when they have fully settled in and when we have completed our baseline assessments of their skills.

Thank you for supporting your child with learning their sounds and practising name writing at home - this really helps!

## Dates to remember

- Book Time is held in Nursery every other Thursday morning and afternoon, 8.50 am and 12.30 pm for 10/15 minutes.
- We shall continue to have "Come and Share an Activity", on every alternate Thursday. We hope it gives you an insight into your child's nursery session as well as giving you an opportunity to share quality time with your child.
- There will be TLC's (parents' evenings) Please look out for details on the newsletter, nearer the time.
- We break up for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.
- We break up for Easter on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and return on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.



- Nursery is closed on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as this is a staff training day.

Thank you for all your support and please come and see us if you have any queries.

Regards

The Nursery Team