



Cramond Nursery Newsletter

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Happy March!
Welcome back everyone!
We hope your snow days
were great fun, but we're
very glad you're all back!



Dates for your diary:

World Book Day
Rescheduled
8th March

On Thursday children are
welcome to dress as a
character from their favourite
book

We are continuing to expand our outdoor area, with a focus on Loose-parts play. Implementing loose parts within our setting gives children the opportunity to engage in imaginative and exploratory play using a variety of materials which are specific to real world situations (eg: tyres, wooden pallets), without being specific to a theme (eg: a set up outdoor kitchen for cooking plastic food). Using loose materials allows children to explore risk and make creative choices about how and what materials are used for.

To this end, we are looking for *Wooden pallets *cable reels *long wooden planks *pea gravel *compost. If you have access to any of the above, please let us know.

Don't forget: We're still battling the unpredictability of Edinburgh's weather system. As we have snow and wet weather forecast, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play.

The children have spent a lot of time exploring our community this session. Our nursery-wide Colour Walk took us around Cramond exploring the shades and tones we see in the natural and urban environment. We have also enjoyed a trip to the Cramond community centre where the children met with the senior residents and enjoyed a magic show. We have a many outdoor trips planned around the area over the next term including spring-walks, number hunts, woodland exploration and snack shopping trips. We will let parents know if their children are participating in walks with as much notice as possible to ensure clothes are weather appropriate.

Our Learning - After conversations with the children, we are moving away from our Colour focus to an in-depth look at traditional stories. We will begin this week with a focus on The 3 Little Pigs, before moving on to Little Red Riding Hood.

Question's you can ask at home - *what did the pigs build their houses from? *What did the wolf say when he came to the pigs houses? *How did the pigs stop the wolf? *What things would you bake for Grandmas basket? *Do you think it's the same wolf in both stories?



A belated Thank You to everyone who joined their children for our shared learning experience. If anyone happened to miss this experience and would like to join us for a session, please speak to your keyworker.

