

We Need your help

To celebrate Chinese New Year we would like to take the children to the local Asian supermarket to explore the various food on display and to collect ingredients to explore and cook with.

We will need adult help for this trip if you are available on Wednesday 22nd January please let us know. We plan to leave around 9:30 and aim to be back by 10:30.



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Dear Nursery Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half-term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and holiday and your children are refreshed. This newsletter gives you some information about what they will be learning over the coming weeks.

Literacy and reading

We will be continuing to change reading books every Tuesday and Friday so please make sure that your child's reading book is inside their book bag.

We would also like to encourage families to write a comment about your child's reading in their journal such as how you child found the book, or what part they found interesting.

This half term we will start with Phase 2 of our phonics programme and will be reinforcing the learning of the sounds you can find below. These sounds are

s, a, t, p, i, n.

We will be learning one sound every week. Please encourage your child to practice their sounds at home each week.

Taste of the world is our new topic. We will be talking about food from around the world.

We will be reading stories about food from different cultures. We will be exploring with our senses and making different foods from various cultures.

We will be making classroom displays about all the different foods and cultures we explore.

We would like to invite families and children to share different foods and traditions from your culture that we can celebrate in class.

We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support!



Maths

This half term we are going to be focusing on categorising objects according to properties such as size, shape, type and colour. We will also be looking at more and less as well as putting objects in order and stating which is bigger and smaller. We will be reciting numbers to 10 and recognising numbers as digits. You can do this at home too by going on number hunts and counting up to 10.



Literacy

First up this half term our topic book is 'Handa's Surprise' followed by 'The runaway wok' and 'Lima's red hot chilli.' We will be reading these stories everyday and basing lots of activities around them. Our focus on reading this half term is to fill in the missing words or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game. We will be learning new words and actions to go with these books. We will also be drawing a story map which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that the children can recall what the story was about.

In writing this half term we are focusing on controlled mark making and using a wide range of mark making materials. It would be great if you could work towards this at home through encouraging plenty of drawing and writing.

Few reminders

- With the weather being colder we please ask that you bring appropriate clothing for your children to wear outside. Also a change of labelled clothes to be left on their hook outside in case they have an accident or need changing.
- Please **name** all clothing **clearly**. Though we do our best to keep track, it is the children's responsibility to look after their clothing. We encourage them to put anything they don't want straight into their bag, however this does not always happen in which case named clothing makes all the difference. Any unclaimed clothing on a Friday afternoon will be taken over to the main office for the Lost Property.
 - This term we are focussing on developing the children's independence. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to put their own coat, jumper, scarf and shoes on. As this will help their with their sense of independence especially moving forward into reception after summer.

WOW moment

At the end of last half term we handed out WOW cards for you to fill in about the amazing work your child does outside of nursery. We would like to continue with this as the children loved standing up in front of the class and having their achievements celebrated. If you need more WOW moments please let us know.

