



Nursery Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

Staff in Class: Early Years Teachers: Mrs Shepherd. Nursery Nurse: Mrs Wharton/Mrs Harwood.

Message from the staff: Happy New Year to all our families! We would like to welcome you back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a good break. It was lovely to see the children so excited to start the new term.

We will continue to use Seesaw to document children's learning in EYFS. You will be able to see your child's learning at school and add your own observations.

Class Topic:

We will be exploring the world around us this half term. We will look at the winter weather and explore the changes in our environment. The children will be exploring ice and what animals live in the Arctic.



We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year and finding out about the dancing and the food people eat.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Exploring winter weather. What changes can we see in our environment? How do we need to dress differently in the winter.

Celebrating Chinese New Year. Exploring the dancing and the food.

Maths:

- Link numerals and amounts: for example showing the right numeral to match the numeral, up to 3.
- Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.
- Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total (cardinality).
- We sing 'Number Songs' every week.



English:

Core Books: Jack Frost, The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud, We're going on a Bear Hunt, Handa's Surprise, Chinese New Year stories.

The children will enjoy listening to and joining in with lots of stories and rhymes linked to the topic.

Phonics: In Nursery we will continue playing games that will help the children to focus in a group and do lots of activities to explore different sounds. We will concentrate to improve the children's listening skills, especially to name sounds in the environment and exploring a range of instrumental sounds.

Physical Development:

- Being able to put on and do up coats.
- Gross motor skills - outdoor play for running and jumping.
- Fine motor skills development - threading and other fine motor activities including mark making in different materials.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Differences and Goals - pieces 1 to 6.

We will be focusing on the following topics:

Challenge, never giving up, setting a goal, obstacles, flight to the future.

Creative Development:

- Cutting and sticking to create a winter collage.
- Using a variety of different materials.
- Painting and printing winter pictures.
- Making Chinese lanterns
- Music and singing sessions.

How parents can help at home:

Please help your children to recognise their name - put name cards around the house or write their name on snacks! Practise counting objects at home - it could be cereal, shoes, people, anything! Talk about how old your child is now and how old they will be on their next birthday. Encourage your child to be independent at putting on their own coat and doing it up, putting their own shoes on.

Days/Dates to remember:

Half term holiday:

Last day of school - Friday 14th February.

Reopen - Monday 24th February.