



WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Nursery 06.01.2014

MESSAGES

- We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break
- We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for coming to see our Christmas Performance last term, and sharing our Christmas Party with us. The children had a wonderful time!
- We will be continuing to change library books on Thursdays, so remember to bring in your books on that day.
- Many of you will no doubt have new winter coats, please remember to clearly label it with your child's name.

Learning Theme

For the first 2 weeks of this term we will be having a focus on Nursery Rhymes. This will give us plenty of opportunity to learn some well-known, traditional rhymes, as well as an emphasis on our phonic skills such as rhyme and alliteration.

Each of the four rooms will focus on a different Nursery Rhyme so children will have an opportunity to experience a range of activities relating to a specific rhyme as each class moves around the unit through the week. The four rhymes that the children will learn are: Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Jack and Jill and Hickory Dickory Dock.



Key Vocabulary: Nursery rhyme, sing, word, song

Mathematics

We will be practicing counting groups of objects, making sure that we count carefully, saying each number name as we count each item.

We will be counting lots of different sets of objects: sheep, bricks, claps, steps etc.

We will continue to practice reciting numbers to 10, and will practice matching numerals to the correct quantity.

Key Vocabulary: Count, number, group, set, more, less, how many?

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Understanding the world : We will be sharing our experiences of the Christmas holidays, asking and answering questions about how the children spent their Christmas. We will practice asking and answering questions using words such as Who, Where, How, Why. The children will have an opportunity to recall events to their friends.

Expressive Arts & Creativity: There will be a range of opportunities for children to develop their creative skills, using a range of media and materials, and also imaginatively with role play, and of course with plenty of singing and movement.

Literacy and Phonics

We will be having a strong focus on Phonics Skills this week, with lots of games to practise concepts such as rhyme and alliteration, as well as becoming more familiar with a range of Nursery Rhymes.

Mandarin

We will focus on nursery rhymes this week. We are going to learn “five little frogs” and “finger song”.

Vocabulary:

Frog 青蛙 (qin wa) rabbit 兔子 (tu zi) caterpillar 毛毛虫 (maomao chong)

Butterfly 蝴蝶 (hu die)

Join us for a coffee morning on 20 January 8.45-9.30, this will be a chance for us to welcome new families, discuss how Tapestry is developing and also discuss any other questions you may have regarding the Early Years Cubs.

Please let us know if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team