



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 27 Jan 2014

MESSAGES

- Our last day of school before the **Chinese New Year holiday** will be Wednesday 29 January and we will return to school on Monday 10 February.
- **CHINESE NEW YEAR 'RED DAY'**– this will take place on **Wednesday 29 January**; the children may wear Chinese clothes or red clothes on this day, please send in a donation of 10RMB to go towards a charity.
- Please only let your children bring toys or special items they want to share on Friday when we share them as a class in a dedicated circle time. We understand it can be difficult but your cooperation in this is appreciated.



Learning Theme - Understanding the World

We will continue to explore Chinese New Year and the coming Year of the Horse. We will talk about how and why the New Year is celebrated and some of the traditions that are observed.

We will be making dumplings, led by the Mandarin staff, seeing a Lion dance and hearing some live drumming by some of the older students. We will also be hanging our wishes that we wrote last week on the wishing tree in the Nursery corridor.

Key Vocabulary: Chinese New Year, red, race, horse, wishing tree, dumplings.



Literacy:

The children will be writing messages in New Year Blossom cards and listening to traditional stories about Chinese New Year, including the Great Race which the children will be encouraged to act out together and re tell.

Phonics

We will continue to play a variety of games, in both whole class and small groups, throughout the week. We will be identifying the initial sounds in words and exploring rhythm and rhyme in rhyming activities; to support the children in developing this vital skill.

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Mathematics:

We will continue to count in different ways, reinforcing how to count carefully and accurately. We will recite numbers to 20 and invite children to match numerals to the correct quantity of objects. The children will sing counting rhymes as part of their daily routine too.

Expressive Arts & Creativity:

The children will be invited to continue to explore painting, drawing and making horses, looking at shapes and colours and mixing their own shades to paint their pictures and models.

Mandarin

We will continue to learn about Chinese New Year. Children take part in a variety of activities related to Chinese New Year. They will learn how to write the spring festival couplet, make red wallets and yummy dumplings! We will also learn a new song called "Gongxi, Gongxi"

Vocabulary:

horse 马 ma Happy New Year 新年好 xin nian hao dumpling 饺子 jiao zi
Red wallet 红包 hong bao lantern 灯笼 deng long

Dutch

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team