



**WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Reception 06 January 2013**

**Thank you to everyone who was able to come and join us for our Christmas Play. The children had such a wonderful time singing, acting and being together. They had so much fun!**

We will be welcoming quite a number of new children into Reception after the holiday which we also look forward to.

To begin the term we will encourage the children to vote for their preferred learning theme which we can base lots of their learning around. However, the first week back, we will focus on settling in to new routines, meeting new friends and talking about what we have been doing over the holidays. We will discuss 'new starts' and 'fresh beginnings'. We will look at calendars and discuss the New Year. The children will be encouraged to keep a daily diary of what they are doing at school and at home. Linking in with our discussions about New Year resolutions and fresh beginnings, we will talk about the importance of keeping fit and healthy. The children will have the opportunity to explore our very own role-play fitness center and enjoy treatments in their very own beauty parlor!

In the Early Years, we always set out activities and learning opportunities for the children which constantly challenge their creative thinking. The following are just a few of the learning intentions which we feel will be met by our adult teacher sessions in the first week back. However, as with any week in the Early Years Cubs, the children also have multiple opportunities to challenge their creative thinking through the various activities set up within the setting which they can access independently.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development**

- Children show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

**Communication, Language and Literacy**

- Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.
- Children speak using past and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.

**Mathematics**

- Children use everyday language to talk about time.

**Physical Development**

- Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise and personal wellbeing.

**Phonics**

In phonics, children will stay with their class teacher for the week revisiting sounds and words already learnt. We will split classes for phonics the following week.

**Mandarin**

This week the children will be learning about what do we do and wear in Winter. We will also review the weather, shapes and numbers.

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**Vocabulary:** Winter 冬天 (dongtian) Snowy 雪天 (xuetian) Hat 帽子 (maozi)  
Scarf 围巾 (weijing ) Gloves 手套 (shoutao) cold 冷 (leng)

### **Can you help?**

Thank you for the junk modeling materials we have been receiving. We are always grateful for extras!

*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 questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Reception Team.**