



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 23 February 2015

MESSAGES

- We hope you all have a relaxing and exciting Chinese New Year. Our first day of school after the holidays is **Monday 23 February**.
- The team would really appreciate more junk modelling materials. All your 'Junk' is our treasure. We particularly need lots of egg cartons for a fun activity over the next week. However, our supplies are running low so please send in anything you have. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Learning Theme – People who help us

Throughout the year lots of children (and teachers) fall sick. Who helps us with this at school? Our new learning theme will revolve around people who help us. This week we will focus on hygiene and who helps us in school with this.

What do we need to do to keep clean and healthy? How can we do this every day in school? What do we do at home to keep big and strong? As an activity and to help promote good hand washing, the children will get very messy using a mix of sand and paint. The sand is there to represent the 'yucky Bugs' and the paint is the dirt of course. We will really need to scrub those hands and sing our hand washing song to get all those 'yucky bugs' off.



Knowledge and understanding of the world

Who helps us in school? Our teachers help us... Mrs Hanson helps us... but who makes sure we are ok if we feel unwell? The nurses of course! We will take a trip in small groups to ask the nurses some very important questions about their jobs and what we can do to prevent all those yucky bugs hurting our tummies. What questions would you ask the nurse?

Expressive Art and Design

What are these germs we talk about? What do they look like? We will open this up to the children and ask them to 'Give a face' to the germs or Yucky bugs we talk about so often. Using different media such as junk modelling and clay they will create their own versions of yucky bugs. What would your yucky bug look like? Is it big or small?

Role play is always a huge favourite with the children





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in the Nursery unit. This week as the children think about their hygiene routines they will of course talk about brushing their teeth and who helps us look after them. We will create a Dentist practice, alongside the children thinking about what we might need to make our teeth very healthy and what the role of a dentist is.

Phonics

We will continue to play a variety of games, in both whole class and small groups, throughout the week. However this week we will also play the Mr Tongue stories. This encourages the children to think about where their tongue needs to be to make the correct letter sounds. Not only is it very important to learn this, it is great fun as well!

Mandarin

We will be talking about "People who help us". We will be discussing these five kinds of people: teacher/ doctor/ policeman/ chef/ builder

Key words: will be "老师 lao shi" /"医生 yi sheng"/"警察 jin cha"/"厨师 chu shi"/"建筑工人 jian zhu gong ren"

Activities:

1. Stories: Qiaohu Is Sick "巧虎生病了"; Little Mouse The Thief "吃红土的小偷";
2. Role Play Games
3. Crafts Making: Chef Hat
4. Matching Games / Construction Games
5. Songs: Lao Shi Ni Hao "老师你好" Hei Mao Jin Zhang "黑猫警长"

Dutch

We hebben de boeken van Karel kleed zich aan en Fien en Milo verkleed zich gelezen. De focus lag op het benoemen van de kledingstukken, een opsomming opnoemen en volgorde. Fijne vakantie!

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team