



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 2 February 2015

MESSAGES

- **PTC meetings** - We apologise that there was an error on the sign up page for the Parent Teacher Conference letter that came home. We can confirm that the PTC meetings will take place on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 February, not November as is written on the sign-up sheet. We will not reissue the letter but ask you to complete and return the sign-up sheet, indicating your preference for a meeting on Tuesday or Thursday. Thanks for your understanding.
- **Tanzania Safari Day** – Friday **February 6** is a non-uniform day where children can come to school wearing clothes or costumes inspired by the Safari theme. They can wear full costumes, masks, a t-shirt with an animal or come as a safari guide BUT they have to pay 20rmb for this privilege with all the money going to support the Global Classroom Tanzania projects. Please do not go out and spend money on costumes as we would rather you donate this money to our Tanzania fund and help the children in Tanzania! Also, no weapons please.
- **Chinese New Year 'Red Day'** – this will take place on **Friday 13 February**; the children may wear Chinese clothes or red clothes on this day.
- Can parents please bring in shoe boxes (preferably with lids), so that the children can make dragon heads. We will also need boxes and other construction materials. Thank you.



Learning Theme -Ten Days of Chinese New Year!

It is a very special time of the year here for us here in China. Chinese New Year is finally here and we will be learning about this wonderful culture over 10 days. We will be thinking about the coming Year of the Sheep and talking about how and why the New Year is celebrated and some of the traditions that are observed. We will be making dumplings, which will be led by our Mandarin staff.



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

Literacy:

The children will be writing wishes for our Chinese 'Wishing Tree'. Please prepare your child by talking to him/her about some of the things that he/she would like to wish for. We will be listening to traditional stories about Chinese New Year, including the Great Race which the children will be encouraged to act out together.



Phonics

Children will continue to play games associated with alliteration and listen to rhyming stories and songs throughout the week. We will be identifying the initial sounds in words and exploring how we can create a rhyming string.

Mathematics:

Our mathematic focus this week will be concentrating on capacity, including pouring with different materials. Which containers are 'full' and 'empty' and which containers have 'more' and 'less'? How many small cups of water will we need to fill the larger container? How many dumplings will fit into each container?

Expressive Arts & Design:

The children will be modelling collaboratively with a range of materials to make sheep and dragon puppets. We will be listening to Chinese music and songs and learning about how people express themselves in different ways.

Mandarin

We will continue to learn about Chinese New Year. Children will 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

Deze week hebben we rond het boekje 'De liefste kusjes zijn voor jou' van Harmen van Straaten allerlei activiteiten gedaan. Zo hebben we nieuwe woorden geleerd, proberen te rijmen en tellen. De hoofdvraag was natuurlijk: aan wie geef jij jouw liefste kusjes? Gelukkig gingen de meeste klapzoenen naar papa en mama. Harmen van Straaten is bij ons in de klas geweest, we hebben geluisterd naar zijn verhalen en zelf een toneelstukje gespeeld.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team