



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 10 Feb 2014

MESSAGES

- To coincide with our theme '**People Who Help Us**', Nursery will be visiting the Fire Station on Wednesday 19th February. If you would like to support us, please email your respective teachers to confirm that you would like to participate. Ideally we would like to have three parents from each room.
- Please could you send an email to your child's class teacher, with one or two photos inserted, of a special event over the holidays. If this is not possible a print will also be fine. This will need to be sent prior to the first day of school if possible. Thank you.
- Please be reminded that Parent/Teacher conferences are to be held on Wednesday 19th February and Thursday 20th February. If you have not yet notified teachers of a preferred time and would like to make an appointment please let the teachers know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Learning Theme – People Who Help Us'

Understanding the World

The children will be learning about different occupations in their school community and finding out how various people help us in and around school during the day. We will visit these people in small groups and the children will be encouraged to ask questions to find out how they help us and of course to listen to their answers really carefully. The children will also be invited to take photos and maybe videos too!

Key Vocabulary: Receptionist, Guard, Head of Primary, Librarian, Ayi, School Nurse.
Help, helpful.

Literacy:

We will be focusing on speaking and listening. Talking about our holidays and the exciting things we did to celebrate the Chinese New Year. What did we do? Who with? Where did we go? Did we try a new food? The children will be supported to talk clearly and listen to each other so that they can ask questions to find out more.

The children will be practicing these speaking and listening skills and extending their vocabulary as we interview the people who help us around school too, and then we will work with the children to make presentations to their class about all the things they have found out.



Phonics

We will continue to play a variety of games, in both whole class and small groups, throughout the week. These games will vary from helping the children 'tune in' to different sounds they hear and make different voice sounds, to focusing on single letter sounds in familiar words. We will continue to read and sing rhymes as part of our daily routines.

Mathematics:

We will count daily with the children and encourage numeral recognition and will also be working with sorting activities, linking to our 'Learning Theme' and puzzles to encourage the children to explore and develop their understanding of shape, space and orientation.

Expressive Arts & Creativity:

There will be plenty of opportunities to participate in role play activities as the children pretend to help others with the assistance of uniforms and other props. The children will be invited to choose how the role play area in Foxes is developed and help to create it themselves. We will be thinking about the equipment people use in their jobs and inviting the children to junk model, increasingly adding details to their models. And, of course there will be investigation trays of interesting things and plenty of painting and drawing around people too!

Mandarin

Dutch

In de sneeuw kun je goed de kleuren zien. Op watten (sneeuw) hebben we allerlei gekleurde verfspatten gemaakt. De kleuren zijn benoemd en die zagen we ook weer terug in het boek 'Klein wit visje wordt groot' van Guiso van Genechten. Naar aanleiding van dit boek hebben de kinderen verschillende tegenstellingen geleerd zoals; klein – groot, dik – dun, lang – kort en recht – krom. De Citotoets voor Peuters-P2 is afgenomen. Fijne vakantie!

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team