



## WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 09 February 2015

### MESSAGES

- **Chinese New Year Day - Friday 13 Feb:** – come to school in Chinese costume or wearing red.
- We wish you all a joyful and prosperous Year of the Goat



CHINESE NEW YEAR 2015 YEAR OF THE GOAT (羊)

### Learning Theme Ten Days of Chinese New Year!

The first week of our Chinese New Celebrations have kept us very busy. We have made stir fries, painted pictures inspired by Cherry Blossom, practised Chinese calligraphy, and learned about the story of The Great Race. Next week will be equally exciting as we move on to learning more about the ways in which people celebrate the Chinese New Year. We are looking forward to writing our wishes for the wishing tree; more Chinese inspired cookery sessions, and lots of dancing and music making.

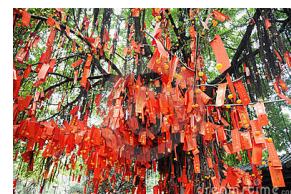


### Expressive Arts & Design:

We will learn about some of the dances that are associated with Chinese New Year. The children have begun to create dragon masks, and we will continue making these, before using them to perform our own dragon dance. We will also listen to the music that accompanies the Dragon Dance and the Lion Dance, and we practise using a range of instruments to create our own musical accompaniment.

### Literacy:

We will look at pictures of wishing trees, and then introduce the children to our own wishing tree. We will talk about what a wishing tree is for, and think about things that we might wish for. The children will have the opportunity to write their own wishes, associating their mark making with a meaning, before hanging them onto our tree.



### Mandarin

Next week we will focus on the topic of Chinese New Year. We will talk to the children about the Zodiac and that next year is the year of goat. We will be making lanterns and sweet rice balls in our celebrations and look at how others are celebrating Chinese New year around the World.

### Vocabulary:

Happy New Year (xin nian hao) 新年好

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## **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 klapzouen 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.

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

**The Pre- Nursery Team**