



WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Nursery 05.01.2015

MESSAGES

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy new year!

- We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for coming to see our Christmas Performance last term, and sharing our Christmas Party with us. The children had a wonderful time!
- We will be continuing to change library books on Fridays, so please remember to bring in your books on that day.
- Please remember to clearly label your child's coat.
- On Friday we will be sharing and asking questions about what we did over the holidays. Could you please send a photo to your teacher via email or a print if you prefer.

The Term Ahead

Thinking about the term ahead we have put together a brief overview of what to expect. To start the term we will begin with our *Nursery Rhyme* theme, exploring four different rhymes each week.

Following on from this, our theme will change to *Chinese New Year*. We will learn about all the animals of the zodiac, focusing on the Year of the Goat, and explore how the festival is celebrated.

After the holiday we will head into a new theme of *People Who Help Us* and finish the term with our *International Week* celebration. Children can wear national/traditional dress, or clothes that relate to their home country. Parents will also be invited to come into school to share stories, songs or special recipes from their home country. It is a wonderful way to end a fantastic term!

Learning Theme

For the first two weeks of this term we will be having a focus on Nursery Rhymes. This will give us plenty of opportunity to learn some well-known traditional rhymes, as well as an emphasis on our phonic skills such as rhyme and alliteration. Each of the four rooms will focus on a different Nursery Rhyme so children will have an opportunity to experience a range of activities relating to a specific rhyme as each class moves around the unit through the week. The four rhymes that the children will learn are: Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Jack and Jill and Hickory Dickory Dock.



Key Vocabulary: Nursery rhyme, sing, word, song

Mathematics

We will be practising counting groups of objects, making sure that we count carefully, saying each number name as we count each item. We will be counting lots of different sets of objects: sheep, bricks, claps, steps etc. We will continue to practise reciting numbers to 10 and we will be focusing on the language of ‘more’ and ‘less’, as well as ‘the same’.

Key Vocabulary: Count, number, group, set, more, less, the same, how many?

Understanding the World: We will be sharing our experiences of the Christmas holidays, asking and answering questions about how the children spent their Christmas. We will practice asking and answering questions using words such as Who, Where, How and Why? The children will have an opportunity to recall events to their friends.

Expressive Arts & Design: There will be a range of opportunities for children to develop their creative skills, using different media and materials. We will also be using our imaginations as we explore and play in our new role-play areas. The children will also be designing and making their own clocks using various construction materials.

Literacy and Phonics

We will be having a strong focus on Phonics Skills this week, with lots of games to practise concepts such as rhyme and alliteration, as well as becoming more familiar with a range of Nursery Rhymes. We will be ‘writing’ get well cards for Jack and Jill and we will be labelling our models with our names, with a description of what we have made.

Mandarin

We will focus on nursery rhymes this week. We are going to learn “Five Little Frogs” and “Finger Song”.

Vocabulary:

Frog 青蛙 (qin wa) rabbit 兔子 (tu zi) caterpillar 毛毛虫 (maomao chong)

Butterfly 蝴蝶 (hu die)

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Dutch

In term 1 hebben we veel plezier gehad en dit gaan we voortzetten in term 2. De focus zal liggen op uitbreiding van de actieve woordenschat, klankzuivere uitspraak en construeren van volledige zinnen. Dit doen we aan de hand van spelletjes, rollenspelen, boeken, liedjes en filmpjes. Een hele fijne vakantie gewenst en een gelukkig nieuwjaar.

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team