



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 23 March 2015

MESSAGES

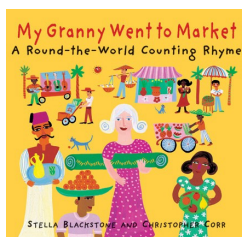
- Our last day of school will be 27 March and we will return to school on Tuesday 7 April.
- Please join us for our **International Week Parade** on Friday (27th March). The children can come to school dressed in whatever patriotic garb you can find. Face paint and flags are warmly encouraged. The parade will start at 9am but in the event of high pollution levels or wet weather, the parade will be cancelled and a notice will be placed on the website homepage by 8.15.
- Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to share delicious food from their home country! We (the children and certainly the teachers) are greatly looking forward to the International Week Food Fair on...

Tuesday (Year 1, 3 and 5)

Wednesday (Early Years Cubs)

Thursday (Year 2, 4 and 6)

Learning Theme - International Week



International Week, which is one of the highlights of the school year, is finally upon us! As the theme this year is number 10, the children will be introduced to a beautiful counting rhyme *My Granny Went to Market*. We will take the children on an adventure to countries around the world with lots of counting along the way... In addition to the spectacular Food Fair and Parade, the children will use their senses to explore a Thai sensory tub, paint Mexican masks, make African necklaces and make traditional dot painting to mimic the indigenous people in Australia... It truly promises to be a fun and exciting week!

Key Vocabulary: granny, market, flying, carpet, Thailand, Mexico, Africa, Australia

Mathematics:

Our mathematical focus this week will be concentrating on counting, the children will practise finding the total number of 2 groups of objects by counting all of them. We will then practise number recognition by encouraging the children to match numerals to the total number. We will reinforce with the children how to count carefully and accurately.



Key Vocabulary: count, total number, numerals 1-10

Understanding the World

The International Week provides a perfect opportunity for us to celebrate internationalism and we discuss with the children: Where are we all from? What are our

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nationalities? What languages do we speak? Can we say hello in different languages? We will look at Google Earth and zoom into the different places that we are from. All of the children in our unit will draw a picture of themselves and then pin it on our world map for our International Week display.

Key Vocabulary: international, nationality, language, world map

Phonics

We will be listening to a variety of music from around the world, including string and wind instruments, drums and didgeridoos. As the *Granny* from the story flies around the world on her magic carpet, we will use our imagination to go on our own magic carpet ride tuning into different sounds along the way. We will also be focusing on how we greet each other in different ways, emphasizing the initial sounds that we hear.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team