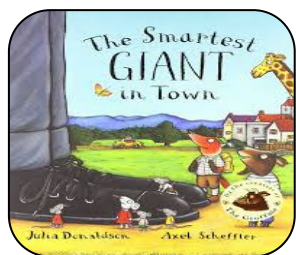




WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – 27 October 2014

- **The Giving Tree** - an opportunity for our community to give a little at Christmas by volunteering gift bags for migrant school children and their teachers. Please return reply slips ASAP if you wish to join our initiative. Ask teachers for more details.
River of Hearts clothes donation - an opportunity for our community to clear out any unused/unwanted clothing items of any size or style and bring them into school for distribution across China for those in need. Donation Week begins 27th October.
- **New arrival** - We have wonderful news to share with you all! Miss Alice from the Nursery Foxes class has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, weighing 3.3KG. She is yet to have a name, but we will keep you informed
- **Book Week** – The week commencing 3 November is book week and the theme this year is 'Stories from the last 10 Years'. On Friday 7 November there will be a whole school dress up day where children are invited to come as a book character from the last 10 years. Parents are also invited to be a 'Mystery reader' during this week. If you are interested please let your class teacher know.



Themed learning

As you all know our wonderful book week is fast approaching. To get the children ready for this we will begin our book theme next week. The team has decided to use four of the Julia Donaldson books published in the past 10 years. We have chosen, 'Stick man', 'Gruffalos child', 'Room on the broom' and 'The smartest giant in town'. To give the children a real wow factor, we will transform each of the four rooms into a magical storyland, using one of the books as the theme. When you come in on Monday, try to guess which book your child's classroom is!

Expressive Arts and Design

There will be numerous role play areas throughout the unit, reflecting each of the books. The children will be buying and selling giants clothes in the 'Giant clothes shop'. I wonder if they will fit us. Are they too big or too small?

Another area within the unit will be the deep dark forest. We will encourage the children to independently explore the natural resources, recreating the story of 'The Gruffalo's Child'. I wonder if the big bad mouse will be there. I see footprints on the floor I wonder where they will lead the children? What adventures we will have!

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Communication and Language

Within each new role play area we will be using lots of new vocabulary. Within the 'Room on the Broom' classroom we will be using magical words to make up our own spells and see what funny sounds we can make with our mouths!

Literacy

Literacy is of course one of our main focuses this week. We will also read many other stories written by Julia Donaldson. If you would like to come in and read to your child's class, please let your class teacher know.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

As a main focus this week we will encourage the children to work together as a team. The witch needs our help to make a new broom! We need to work together to create a magic spell to help her. What ingredients do we need? Let's write our spell and see what happens!

We will also cook this week. On Friday morning, in small groups, the children will make stone soup. This is a story about a whole village coming together and each contributing something for the soup. We will be chopping, mixing and eating our wonderful soup.

Dutch

Deze week zijn we verder gegaan met het boek 'Ik ben Thomas' van Annemie Berebrouckx. De focus lag op 'vriendschap'. We hebben het boek 'Wil jij mijn vriendje zijn?' van Eric Carle gelezen en met name beschrijvende woorden gebruikt om de staarten aan te duiden, zoals kort, dik, lang, recht, krom, gekruld, pluizig, glad, mooi etc.

Het liedje <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BciUZmph8M> hebben we met veel plezier gezongen.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team