



WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – 19 January 2015

MESSAGES

- 3:30 pm pick-up time- Please can we kindly ask all parents and carers to stand behind the barrier at collection time. The children will then be able to walk down the ramp to those who are designated to pick them up.
- We are cooking vegetable soup next week. Please send in a vegetable for your child to cut on your child's cooking day. The cooking day for each Nursery class is: Panthers- Monday; Meerkats- Wednesday; Wolves-Thursday; Foxes- Friday. Thank you very much for your support!
- **Nuts** – Please be reminded that we are a NUT FREE school. We have several children at each phase of the school with severe nut allergies (life threatening) that can be triggered just by coming into contact with nuts or nut traces in foods. Can we please ask you to be very vigilant in ensuring that all foods that come into school, taken onto school buses, taken to school trips or sporting fixtures, are completely nut free. We thank you for your support to ensure that all our students can be happy and healthy at school.
- **Cancellation of a school lunch (primary)** – each day the canteen are provided with the school attendance registers to inform them of numbers for school lunches and also for their accounting purposes -absent children will not be charged for a school lunch. If you know in advance that you will be taking your child out of school for a medical/dental appointment which will mean they miss their lunch at school, it is essential that you inform the school admin staff so that you are not charged for this lunch. Please inform us before 9:30 to allow the catering team to prepare the correct amount of food. If you do not inform the admin team before 9:30, you will be charged for the school lunch for that day. Thanks for your cooperation.

Learning Theme – Nursery Rhyme

Since we introduced the Nursery rhyme theme, the children in Nursery have developed a real interest in castles, kings and queens. We, therefore, have followed the children's interest and will introduce a story that incorporates rhymes 'There was an Odd Princess Who Swallowed a Pea'. The Nursery team will create our very own story of a princess who lived in a castle, which will incorporate many of the children's favourite characters: Humpty Dumpty, a wicked witch, the Stickman and the big bad wolf. The staff will act out the story in front of all the children next Monday morning. We cannot wait to see the children's faces light up with excitement! We then will discuss and recall the story with the children asking them questions, such as 'Who are the main characters in the story?' 'What do they do?' 'What happened at the end of the story?'





Key Vocabulary: Castle, king, queen, swallow, witch

Understanding the World & Physical Development



The children had great fun making silly rhyming soup this week. Next week they will make their own vegetable soup. We are going to discuss: What ingredients could we use? How are we going to cook it? What are the steps? How can we use the knives safely? What will happen to the vegetables when they are cooked? The children will then taste their own soup during lunch time. Yum

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Key Vocabulary: vegetable, soup, knife, ingredient, step

Mathematics: Measures

The Maths focus for next week is comparing different weights. The children will use the weighing scales to weigh different objects. Which one is heavier/ the heaviest/lighter/ lightest? The children will be encouraged to use comparative language to describe their findings.



Key Vocabulary: heavy, light, heavier, lighter, heaviest, lightest, weight

Phonics:

We will be playing a variety of games that focus on identifying the initial sounds in words, as well as rhyming games. The children will listen to and mimic the rhythm that is created in Nursery Rhymes and attempt to say the last word by identifying the rhyming word, 'E.g. Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great ' or 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a log. Humpty Dumpty had a big ...?'

Mandarin

We are going to learn 2 rhymes this week: 我爱的我的动物 (I Love My Animals); 合拢放开 (Open Close.) The children will do lots of theme related activities. For example: Animals role play games; fingers dance with the rhymes and Animals crafts making, etc.

Key Vocabulary 小羊 (lamb); 小猫 (kitten); 小鸡 (chicken); 小鸭 (duckling); 合拢 (close); 放开 (open)

Dutch

Het thema winter is uitgebreid met de woorden koud en warm. Ook hebben we gezien dat kikker niet slim maar dom was. Hij heeft geen vacht, veren of spek om zich warm te houden in de sneeuw. Hij zou zich dik moeten aankleden. De kinderen hebben via spelletjes op het smartboard de verschillende kledingstukken bij het juiste seizoen gesleept.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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