



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 27 January 2014

Important Information

- **Wednesday 29 January** is our Red Day. This is a non-uniform day when children can wear Chinese style clothing or something red. We will be collecting 10RMB towards charity, if you wish to donate.
- Chinese New Year holiday starts on **Thursday 30 January**. We will be back in school on Monday 10 February.

Reporting on progress

- This week you will receive the time for your appointment for the Teacher/Parent Conferences on **February 19 and 20**. This is a time for you to discuss your child's development and progress with their class teacher.

Learning Theme of the Week



We will continue to explore Chinese New Year celebrations and customs. The Mandarin Department have prepared a fantastic program for the children, including making dumplings and making Chinese lanterns. We will also have a special song performed by KS2 children on Wednesday morning and a Dragon Dance in the front playground.

Literacy

- Sometimes gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.

We will make Chinese New Year cards for our loved ones and talk about what good things we wish for them

Vocabulary: wish, want, hope, happy, healthy

Expressive Art and Design

- Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first hand experiences.
- Realises tools can be used for a purpose

Role-play

We will continue to play imaginatively in our Chinese restaurant. The children are having a great time making menus and writing down orders. We will also continue to play in the Imperial Palace and to build a Great Wall.

Vocabulary: emperor, king, princess, wall, build

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We will explore Chinese art with blue and white pottery. We will be making items associated with Chinese New Year such as, lanterns, using a variety of materials and different media.

Vocabulary: paint, cherry blossom, vase, lantern

Mandarin

We will learn about the story of the Chinese New Year, the animals of the zodiac and sing some New Year songs.

Vocabulary: Happy New Year- **xin nian kuai le**, zodiac- **sheng xiao**, dumpling- **jiao zi**, red packet- **hong bao**, lantern- **deng long**.

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

Many thanks again.

The Pre Nursery Team.