



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 9 February 2015

MESSAGES

- Please be reminded that **Parent/Teacher conferences** are to be held on Tuesday 10 February and Thursday 12 February. If you have not yet notified teachers of a preferred time and would like to make an appointment please let the teachers know as soon as possible.
- **Chinese New Year 'Red Day'**– this will take place on **Friday 13 February**; the children may wear Chinese clothes or red clothes on this day.
- Can parents please bring in shoe boxes (preferably with lids), so that the children can make dragon heads. We will also need boxes and other construction materials. Thank you.
- Our last day of school before the **Chinese New Year holiday** will be Friday 13 February and we will return to school on Monday 23 February.

Learning Theme -Ten Days of Chinese New Year!

Our Nursery children are having such a great time doing all the Chinese New Year related activities, our Mod Rock sheep is coming along nicely; wishes for 2015 were made and hung on our Wishing Tree! The activities for next week will be even more exciting as we continue to learn the tradition of Chinese New Year celebration. The children will make lanterns to decorate their classrooms and Chinese New Year blossom cards for their family and friends. They will also have the opportunity to listen to a selection of traditional Chinese music and do some dragon dancing. The week will then end with the exciting Chinese New Year Red Day on Friday! We look forward to seeing the children coming to school dressed in Chinese costume or red clothes!



Key Vocabulary: Chinese New Year, lantern, blossom, traditional music, dragon dancing

Mathematics:

Our mathematic focus for the week will be concentrating on counting; we will count all the animals in the story of The Great Race, reinforcing how to count carefully and accurately. We will practise our number recognition using the 12 animals and their finishing places. Do you know who was first? Can you count other objects to 12 and beyond? Which number is after or before?

Key Vocabulary: Numbers 1-12, first, second, third, last



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The children will be encouraged to use their creativity to make their own dragon heads by using shoe boxes and a selection of other materials. They will then wear them to do some dragon dancing while listening to the traditional Chinese music.

Phonics

We will continue to play a variety of games, in both whole class and small groups, throughout the week. These games will vary from helping the children 'tune in' to different sounds they hear and focus on single letter sounds in familiar words. We will continue to read and sing rhymes as part of our daily routines to support children's understanding of rhyme and alliteration.

Mandarin

We will continue to learn about Chinese New Year. They will learn how to do Chinese calligraphy, make red wallets and fire crackers! We will also learn two new songs Shi Er Sheng Xiao "十二生肖" Mai Tang Yuan "卖汤圆".

Key Vocabulary: calligraphy 书法(shufa), red packets 红包(hongbao), fire crackers 鞭炮(bianpao), zodiac 生肖 (shengxiao)

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team