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JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

As this is our first newsletter of the year, we would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new children and parents who have started with us in nursery this term. It has been lovely to see our returning children settling back into nursery and helping the new children by showing them what to do at group time e.g. good sitting and good listening. This just goes to show how much they have learnt since they joined us!

Cold Weather Clothing – Reminder

As we are currently experiencing a cold weather spell, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for learning outside. This should include a suitable coat, with a hood, which enables them to move comfortably, remembering that they are likely to get muddy or wet when working outside. A hat and gloves too will be enough to ensure they are warm when working. Please remember to name ALL items of clothing.

Home Learning

We hope you enjoyed the home learning ideas your child brought home recently. The activities support what we are learning in nursery school too. At the moment we're learning new nursery rhymes from the booklets and enjoying practising our number and letter shapes. Don't forget we have a section on our school website to support home learning too.



We continue to focus on the development of children's healthy eating habits and their understanding of healthy food.

In Nursery School we support this through the availability of a healthy snack, which usually consists of a range of fruit and vegetables. Occasionally our snack may include something different, particularly if we are using this as a learning experience and we will be making vegetable rice and soup over the next few weeks.

We rely on your donations of £2 per week to fund our snack and any money left over contributes to playdough and other consumable resources in the classroom.

We always talk to the children about how they can be healthy by eating well and for those children that stay all day, we extend those discussions to lunchtime.

Please consider the balance of healthy food and 'treats' that you include in your child's lunch box in order to support us in promoting healthy eating.

What we're learning at the moment:

- We are learning about Chinese New Year and will be changing our role play area into a Chinese restaurant.
- A key focus in Nursery Education is to support children to understand and take ownership of their learning. We will be helping the children to focus on what they want to do and where they are going to learn. We will be talking to the children about what they want to achieve and what the 'goal' of their activity is – perhaps you could start to introduce this thinking when you are enjoying activities with your child at home.
- Our **Under 3's** are learning our school routines; enjoying their group time and settling well to share a story time each day with the older children! They have been enjoying the story; 'Owl Babies' and role playing in their Chinese Restaurant. They will be focusing on maths experiences, such as counting, sorting and shape recognition and enjoying exploring the outdoor area.

Diary Dates for January, February & March

- School closes for Half Term on **Friday 12th February** & reopens on **Monday 22nd February**
- **4th March** is World Book Day – we will be looking at special books all week
- Parents Meetings will take place during the week of **8th March**. More details to follow
- School closes for the Easter break on **Thursday 1st April** & reopens on **Monday 19th April**