

## Nursery

Welcome back after the holidays, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children during this half term.

The focus for the next five weeks will be Winter.

We will observe the seasonal changes around us and carry out activities relating to Winter. We will read lots of stories such as Kipper's Snowy Day, The Winter Hedgehog, Splosh, Elmer in the Snow and Cuddly Duddly. Children will develop their cutting skills by cutting and making snowmen and snowflakes. They will also take part in experiments to develop their understanding of floating and sinking as well as exploring ice. Children will continue to learn new songs and number rhymes.

During the half term we will further our awareness of other cultures by celebrating Chinese New Year for one week. Children will have the opportunity to make Chinese lanterns, money wallets and copy Chinese writing. We will also sample traditional Chinese food.

Within our Letter and Sounds programme, there will be a great emphasis this half term on rhyming and alliteration. This will include children listening to and joining in with various rhyming stories, singing rhymes and playing a variety of fun and practical games with rhyming picture cards and objects.

In mathematics the children will develop their counting skills. They will count a variety of objects saying one number name for each object. Children will learn to count out a desired number of objects from a larger group. They will also learn 2D shape names and begin to discuss their properties. Children will make repeating patterns, continue number recognition and develop their knowledge of positional language. We will continue to work on the mathematical non-negotiable skills which children are expected to achieve by the end of the year.

We will be introducing our fantastic Story Sacks this half term, where your child will have the opportunity to borrow a sack for one week. Each sack contains a story, a non-fiction book, props and related games for you to share and complete with your child. We hope this will build upon your child's reading, understanding and enjoyment of stories.

Children will also receive a fairy-tale or traditional story book for you to share at home for one week. Each book will also have a prompt card attached to help you focus on objectives that are needed in nursery. Alternatively children may be given an activity pack for you to work through. The children will be split into three groups, each group will receive their book, activity pack or story sack on a Monday and they MUST be returned the following Monday when they will be reviewed in class. If the book or activity pack is not returned on time, I am sorry but it will not be reviewed so please look on our notice board for the date of return. Please help your child look after these wonderful resources. Enjoy and have fun together!

Thank you for all your continued support.

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