

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 14th February**—Nursery and Playgroup breaks up for half term

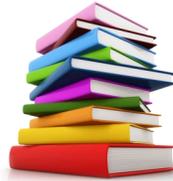
**17th—21st February**—Half Term

**Thursday 5th March**—World Book Day—children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to share with us. Many children like to dress up on this day but we **do not** expect this, children could come in their own clothes if they would like to.

**Friday 3rd April** —Nursery and Playgroup break up

**6th April – Tuesday 21st April** —Easter holidays

**20th April**– Training Day Nursey and Playgroup closed



## Love of Reading

Enjoying stories, books and reading are essential to help our children with their language, vocabulary, knowledge and imagination.

Reading also promote better health and well-being. Research shows that children who are read to and eventually read themselves tend to do better at school. Through sharing books children have better attention and concentration skills.

In Nursery and Playgroup we love books and are encouraging all of our children to feel the same way (many already do) If you are not a member already then please consider your local libraries—they are perfect places to help be part of that magical world of books.

### Walker Library at the Dome Opening hours—

Monday 10-5pm

Wednesday 10-2pm

Thursday– 10-6pm

Saturday 10-2pm

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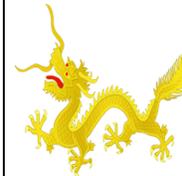
Lots of us have been learning about being healthy and healthy eating. We have learned about lots of healthy foods and even had a visitor from 'Health works' in who taught us how to make potato salad! We don't think we used Supertato to make it though!

Supertato has been one of the stories we have been reading and really enjoyed, especially finding out about the evil pea! We have made masks, dressed up and have a super hero HQ so we can quickly change into our own super hero's when we are playing.



Lots of creative work too, we have been drawing and painting fruit and vegetables as well as trying to label them using our mark making skills to write letters and even writing our names too.

We also had a visit from Road safety teaching us all about being safe around roads.



We all celebrated Chinese New Year too, with lots of different activities, Did you know it is the year of the rat. Can you ask your child to tell you the story of the animals that led to the years being named after them?

Playgroup have been learning 'All about me' exploring some things about themselves and their families and sharing these with each other. They have also been learning about hospitals and pretending to be doctors and nurses and helping others.



## Attendance

Although attendance for Nursery aged children is not compulsory we still have a duty to encourage good attendance. We do realize that at this age children pick up many bugs and can often be unwell. If your child is unwell please make sure you let us know. If we don't hear from you then their absence will be marked as unauthorized. If your child's attendance is causing us a concern then we may have a conversation with you about it to see how we can support or help.

After February half term there will be some new attendance awards and a display in the Nursery entrance.

Attendance Rewards:



### Weekly attendance

Children who attend all sessions each week and gain 100% attendance will receive a certificate, sticker and be part of display within the main Entrance.



### Half term attendance

Children who have attended ALL sessions throughout the half term and have 100% attendance will receive a bigger mystery prize that is theirs to keep!



### Termly Prize

Children who have 100% attendance for a full term will receive/be part of a special trip within Nursery.

We look forward to celebrating attendance with you and your children in the next term, thank you for your ongoing support.



## E-Safety—Tips for Parents

In Nursery we ensure our children are kept safe if they ever go online on our iPads or computers. Children are always supervised by an adult and we have security controls. Although our children are young we do realize that they may be using computers and tablets at home. These are things you can do at home to keep your child safe:

**Explore together**— talk to your child about what the internet is and explore fun things together.

**Put yourself in control**—Install parental controls on your home broadband so you can manage the content of what your child can see.

**Search Safely**—You can use search engines such as 'Swiggle' or 'kids-search'. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as YouTube.

**Help them learn through games**—You can choose fun and educational online games to play with your child and that you can be confident they can explore safely. Always ensure any games or APPS are age appropriate.

**Set boundaries**—It's never too early to start setting boundaries. Set some rules about how long your child can spend online.