

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Favourite Stories

Continuing along the theme of Winter with the story of 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud' there has been lots of talk about ice and snow. The children have enjoyed a week of frosty cooking activities, beginning with special fruity ice lollies using mango, banana and pineapple. They showcased their fantastic physical skills by chopping up the fruits, then blended them together before freezing to make their special frozen ice lolly.



Another fantastic activity has been making snowy cornflake cakes! Children watched the effects of melting white chocolate, before mixing with cornflakes and finishing with silver decorations. We also had some fantastic comments from the children during this process such as, "the chocolate looks like custard now, it smells really nice, they look very tasty"!



Snack

Thank you to parents for providing healthy fruit and snacks. Please could we ask that if children bring in grapes for their morning snack they are cut in half due to health and safety reasons. Alternatively, parents can pay via Parent Pay for school fruit. Thank you.



Literacy

We are very proud of how the children are progressing with their Literacy skills in Nursery. They have recently produced some lovely work showing a fantastic range of skills from mark-making, to independent writing. Some of this work is beautifully displayed in Nursery!



Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at the letters 'f' and 'e' this week. Once again we have had some wonderful items brought in from home and the children have enjoyed discussing and sorting these items into the correct sound boxes. We shall be continuing next week with the letters 'l' and 'h', if children have any items at home beginning with these letters they are welcome to bring them in to share with us.

Forthcoming Celebration

Thank you to those parents who have offered to contribute to our Chinese New Year Celebrations on Friday 16th February, we really do appreciate it. Please see a member of staff if you would like to become involved in this special day. This could be in the form of a parent coming in to speak to the children, or a kind contribution of any Chinese specialties! We value parental involvement and it is also a lovely way for children to learn about the Chinese culture. Many thanks in advance.

Finally, the Nursery team work hard teaching the children safety aspects through daily activities and discussions. Part of this process is to ensure the children are aware that the button which is used to exit the Nursery, is solely for adult use. We would therefore really appreciate it if children did not use this button when leaving via this door with their parents. Please could parents also re-iterate this to children upon collection of their child and ensure the exit button is only to be used by an adult. Thank you for your support with this.

RECEPTION NEWS

With the weather becoming colder again, we really appreciated the kitchen making us all a cup of hot chocolate to help us defrost and warm our hands, last Thursday! We had lots of children asking for 'more'!



This week

From Traction Man to Super worm this week, as our Superhero theme continues. We are now in a bid to save Super worm from destruction by mixing magical potions, watching how the colours change as we add different ones together. In Numeracy, with addition under our belt, we have moved on to the powers of subtraction! With our Superhero teds helping us understand the concept by munching up food from their pic-

We have been learning how to roll, shape and mould play-dough to make the 'worm-iest' shapes we can! Some children have even created their own worms using pipe cleaners and googly eyes! Great for our fine motor control and finger skills! To encourage our children to be confident, independent writers, RL/RWP have 'You've got mail' and RC/RF have a 'Message in a pocket' areas. These are places where children are prompted to write letters, notes and cards to send to each other, through our own Reception sorting offices. Each child has their own postal folder or pocket that can be filled by their friends. Only operational for a few days, they have already proved to be extremely popular. Any notes that your child writes at home can also be brought in and 'sorted' if they wish!



Read Write Inc skills, are progressing well with super 'Fred fingers' sounding out new words and some 'Hold a sentence' writing about the books that we are reading. Animals are featuring large in music too as the children have been using instruments this week to recreate animal sounds to accompany their Noah's ark song.

