

Nursery Newsletter

Weekly Round-Up Spring 1 Week 6

What have we been up to?

This is the last week of our bird topic, and what an exciting topic it has been! It has been lovely to hear how much the children have enjoyed finding out about birds and how they have enjoyed learning lots of new facts. Many of the children are now able to name and describe many birds, talk about where they live, what they eat and how and why birds migrate during the winter months. This week we have been learning about 'Magpies'. We have been reading a story called 'The Messy Magpie' and we have found out that Magpies love picking things up, especially shiny things and taking them from one place to another. As part of our activities, the children have loved taking part in a treasure hunt to collect shiny materials.

During the half term holiday, it is Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day. As we will not be together in nursery to celebrate these events, we have been trying to squeeze in lots of lovely activities in nursery this week. We have enjoyed completing a Valentine's Day craft, we have made pancake batter and on Friday we look forward to celebrating Chinese New Year. As part of Friday's activities, we will be making vegetable spring rolls for the children to eat at snack time as well as doing some Dragon Dancing.

Don't forget that the children are very welcome to wear something red to come to nursery on Friday.

In phonics we have continued to practise our rhyming and blending skills. It has been lovely to see how much progress the children have made with these skills this half term - keep up the great work everyone!

Phonics



Maths

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In Maths, we have been reading a story called 'When I Build with Blocks' to encourage the children to build models with blocks - the children have built some fantastic airports, racing cars, fire trucks, castles etc. We have also continued to work on positional language words by placing objects in, on, under, next to, behind, between, in front etc.

Speaking of positional language words, I was wondering whether I can ask you a huge favour during the half term holidays?? I would really like to put together a slide show of photographs that show the children in different positions. I am hoping to use the photographs in our maths sessions during the first week back. During the half term, please would you mind snapping one photo that includes your child in an obvious position and upload it to me via see-saw. Some examples could be your child hiding behind a tree, jumping on a trampoline, sitting on a bench, hiding under the bed, swimming under the water, hiding in a cupboard. I would be very grateful for any photo's you could send me.

Many thanks for your support.

Upcoming...

It was lovely to catch up with you all at your parent's meetings this week and be able to share all the wonderful things about your child and how much progress they are making. They are all superstars!



On Friday 13th February, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in Nursery. We have planned some lovely activities which will explore the Chinese culture through stories, music and dance. We will also be making and tasting some Chinese food. On that day, the children are very welcome to come to Nursery wearing something red. Please don't feel the need to buy anything new, anything goes in Nursery! Alternatively, if it's not for them, just non-school uniform on that day is fine. Any questions please drop a message onto See-saw or see a member of staff on the door.



During the first week back, the children will be visiting the Willow garden on Tuesday and Friday. Please can you ensure that the children have a pair of wellies in nursery on those days and a suitable coat. It is extremely muddy in there at the moment with all the rain we have had! During last week's storms, our welly storage unit sadly broke. The zippy door flew off in the wind and many of the wellies have got wet inside. I am currently in the process of moving them under the canopy area to dry out. If you would like, please feel free to take your child's wellies home over the holidays to ensure they are dried out properly and return them to school the first Monday back.



Have a super half term holiday. I will see you on our return to school on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Watt, and the Nursery Team

