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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 30th January 2017



Dear Parents

This week our key text has been 'Cleversticks' and we have linked this story to talking about Chinese New Year. We have introduced the phonic sound 'ch' for the words 'China' and 'chopsticks'. We have also spoken about the things that we are good at, linked to the little boy in the story. Each group has enjoyed a 'focus time' session in the yurt with their key person, where they have practised cutting, drawing and writing letters and numerals. Sincere thanks indeed to Sophia Xu's mummy who brought in fortune cookies on Friday for all the children. The children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in our Chinese cafe role-play area this week and have been very busy writing down orders and preparing food for hungry customers!

- On Monday, we enjoyed our dance session with Mrs Wilson. We read our new story 'Cleversticks' and watched a short CBeebies film about two children preparing for and celebrating Chinese New Year. We have continued to enjoy looking at the world map on the Nursery wall and identifying the animals and pictures on the map. We have enjoyed using a variety of recycled containers and scoops in the texture tray this week, which has been filled with rice and dried peas. Many of us tried to copy some Chinese letters using thin paint brushes and black paint.
- On Tuesday, we all shared some of our weekend news with a grown up. We had lots of fun playing games in the sports hall. In the afternoon, we enjoyed making Chinese lanterns and playing outside.
- On Wednesday, lots of us attempted to draw a bear and enjoyed painting with Mrs Bloom. We spent half the morning in the yurt and half the morning in the Nursery. We went to music with Miss Skinner in the music room. We had a lovely time in the Pre Prep hall in the afternoon tasting Chinese food, trying to use chopsticks carefully and dancing to Chinese music inside our Chinese dragon.
- On Thursday, we all went swimming in small groups. We had lots of fun creating a building site outside and the children worked very hard at moving planks and crates carefully.
- On Friday, we enjoyed several different activities in the Nursery and many of the children chose to participate in our weekly Yoga activity in the Pre Prep hall after morning snack. Mrs Bloom continued to paint pictures of different animals from around the world.

This week some of the children have been feeling poorly and have struggled to remember to have kind hands and to share toys. Please could you remind your child to remember this and to talk to a grown up when they are feeling cross, sad or worried. Please do let us know if you have any concerns at all.

Thank you to all those parents who attended Wednesday's meeting to discuss improvements to the Pre Prep building. The plan of how the new Nursery will look, which we shared in the meeting is attached to the same email as this letter.

You may wish to try these activities at home linked to our learning this week:

- Think of a list of words that begin with 'ch' and talk about the phrase '2 letters, 1 sound'.

Dates for your diary:

Key Person and Mrs Hampsheir Meetings – 2.00pm - 3.30pm (please note the slightly extended timings from those previously published):

- Monday 6th February: Mrs Amies
- Tuesday 7th February: Mrs Averill
- Wednesday 8th February: Mrs Bailey
- Thursday 9th February: Mrs Coman

Parents will be able to book an appointment slot using the new 'parents' booking system'. This can be accessed by clicking on the link 'view our parent information centre' on the main school website at www.townclose.com If you have any problems, please contact Mr Shone in our IT department directly on 01603-599031 or email cshone@townclose.com. **Bookings will close at 12.30pm on each day.**

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day – children may dress up as their favourite book character.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Amies