



Nursery Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 5 February 2018

Dear Parents

We would like to thank Kenhao Huang and Eva Shen for bringing the Nursery children lovely red Chinese New Year envelopes this week. The children were so excited to receive them.

This week in Nursery we have read *Cleversticks* by Bernard Ashley. We have talked about the numbers 4 and 14, and practised “careful counting” every day on the carpet. Our special shape has been a heart. We have practised the phonic sound “ch” for China. Our role play area has been a Chinese café again and we have celebrated Chinese New Year, cooking and tasting Chinese food and creating Chinese New Year crafts.

- On Monday, we had a busy morning in Nursery. The children had fun dragon dancing in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. The children were keen to share their weekend news with an adult and they visited the Pre-Prep library in small groups. We started talking about Chinese New Year and read *Cleversticks*.
- On Tuesday, the children really enjoyed dressing up and looking at some Chinese clothes, completing puzzles and playing a simple number game with an adult.
- On Wednesday, the children wrapped up warmly and played outside in the snow in the morning. Lots of the children painted Chinese dragons and created ‘Year of the Dog’ collages. In the afternoon the children went to the music room to visit Miss Skinner. They listened to Chinese music and looked at different sorts of cymbals.
- On Thursday morning the children started cutting out heart shapes and practising their scissor skills. Many of the children enjoyed sticking multiple hearts onto paper to create heart pictures. In the afternoon all the children went swimming.
- On Friday we went to the sports hall in the morning and had fun playing with balls, hoops and bean bags. Lots of the children continued to paint Chinese dragons with Mrs Bloom. We then spent part of the afternoon in the Pre-Prep hall drawing giant pictures and playing circle games. We had our special Chinese snack and did some more Chinese dancing before home time.

To support your child’s learning, you may like to:

- Count up to 14 objects carefully for the older children, spot number 4’s for the younger children
- Talk about the 12 different animals in the Chinese New Year story and which phonic sound they begin with

- Read lots of books and stories together
- Practise cutting and using scissors carefully
- The older children will be given their name to begin to practise writing – we will continue to practise name writing and letter formation after half term

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 22 February – 8.00am - 9.00am: Official opening of 'Little Acorns' Nursery and 'The Nest'

Thursday 1 March: World Book Day – dress up as your favourite Book Character

We hope you all have a lovely half-term break.

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

Melanie Harries