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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 4th February 2019

Dear Parents

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have talked about China and watched a short CBeebies film about two children celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed playing in our Chinese café role play area and exploring coloured rice, golden coins and Chinese decorations in the texture tray. We have talked about “d” for dragon and practised dragon dancing to Chinese music. As it is the year of the pig, we have read the traditional story *The Three Little Pigs* and linked this to talking about the different building materials that we can find around school.

- On Monday, it was lovely to hear all the children’s news about their weekend. The children enjoyed dance in the Pre Prep hall with Mrs Wilson. We spent lots of time inside as it was a very wet day. The children visited the Pre Prep library in small groups and created Chinese dragon paintings.
- On Tuesday, the children went swimming; most of the children were happy to swim in the big pool with Miss Bryant. Please do inform me if your child verbalises any worries about swimming. The children really enjoyed joining in to read *The Three little Pigs*, and talking about the story. We started to create pig masks.
- On Wednesday, the children spent a lovely morning busy in the Nursery creating different Chinese crafts. The children were keen to spend lots of time outside, as the weather was so mild.
- On Thursday, the children really enjoyed creating dragon collages and going to the Sports hall. They had lots of fun running, jumping and using the balls, hoops and beanbags. We practised writing “d” and watched a “d” song. Half of the children went for a walk around the school identifying the different materials from which buildings are made.
- On Friday, the children tasted some Chinese food and watched Mrs Hampsheir chopping and cooking vegetables using a wok. They continued to enjoy making paper plate pig faces, and painting and sticking with Mrs Bloom. The other half of the children went for a walk around the school identifying the materials from which our school buildings are made. We talked about old and new buildings.

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

- Talk about the different materials from which your house is made and help your child to name different materials and their properties.
- Talk about Chinese New Year, and “d” for dragon.

- Please inform your child's key person or myself about one or more of your child's keen interests or an area of fascination/favourite topic, for example dinosaurs, vehicles, space or unicorns, as I would very much like to incorporate the children's individual interests in my planning.

We have run out of spare pants, socks and jogging bottoms again and would be very grateful if all school spares could be returned, your child's rucksack could be restocked with their own named spares and for any donations of old jogging bottoms, socks or pants.

Please do keep us informed of any worries or anxieties that your child expresses at home, about any aspect of Nursery. The children's happiness and well-being at Nursery are crucial in enabling their learning and overall development.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th March: World Maths Day

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character (please note change of date)

Friday 15th March: Author/illustrator Chloe Inkpen to visit

Monday 25th March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: Key person meeting with Miss Bruce and Mrs Hampsheir

Wednesday 27th March – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: Key person meeting with Mrs Coman and Mrs Hampsheir

Monday 1st April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: Key person meeting with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampsheir

Tuesday 2nd April – 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm: - Key person meeting with Mrs Amies and Mrs Hampsheir

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