



NL/RR/Foundation/Jan 17 Newsletter

6 January 2017

Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you had a restful break. Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you sent to us.

This half term, our topic is 'Homes and Houses' and 'Chinese New Year'. We will be hosting a Chinese New Year party and would like the children to wear red or a traditional Chinese costume, but please don't go to any huge expense. Details of this can be found in the dates for your diary section. Food will be provided by school.

NURSERY

Maths

In Maths, the children are recognising and ordering numbers from 0-5 and then to 10. We will also be reciting numbers to 20, and beyond, as well as solving problems by finding one more and one less than a given number.

Literacy

Our literacy work for the older children will involve us beginning to learn Jolly Phonics letter sounds as well as action words. We are also continuing to focus on the children being able to recognise and write their name. Activities will be sent home to reinforce this weekly.

Our new starters will be working on speaking and listening skills as well as settling in and getting used to our Nursery routines.

Baking

The children in Nursery will be making their own French bread pizzas this half term, as well as trying a selection of Chinese foods at our party.

Outdoor play

Please can Nursery children bring a pair of named wellies to school every day for outdoor play. With this in mind, please ensure that your child can take off and put on their indoor shoes independently.

NURSERY PE

As we are introducing phonics work to our older children, PE in Nursery will now be once a week. Anyone starting Nursery from January 2017 onwards, your PE day will be on a **THURSDAY**. For those of you who have children already in Nursery, your PE day will be a **FRIDAY**.

RECEPTION

Maths

Some of the maths activities in Reception involve using real money, so for this half term the children are earning 'wages' to spend at our Winter Café. We are also practicing reciting numbers 0-100, as well as solving simple problems by adding two numbers together.

Literacy

Reception are continuing to learn more sounds and developing their skills to write independently. We would appreciate it if you could support your child in forming letters correctly. Please see Mrs Hughes or Miss Binns if you would like a sheet detailing how to do this.

Baking

The Reception children will be making their own fortune cookies this half term, which they will eat along with a range of Chinese foods at their party.

Independence

Now that all of the Reception children have settled into school, we would like to encourage them to develop more independence. With this in mind, can we please ask that toys are no longer brought into school. The children may also wish to start entering the cloakroom on a morning without an adult. However, we are always available should you need to speak to a member of staff.

FOUNDATION STAGE LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are named, as Nursery and Reception are getting an ever growing collection of hats, gloves etc.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th January - Reception Chinese New Year party
Tuesday 7th February - Reception parents craft afternoon (details to follow)
Thursday 9th February - Nursery parents craft day (details to follow)
Friday 10th February - Nursery Chinese New Year party.

Thank you for your on going support.

Mrs Lynas, Mrs Hughes & Miss Binns