



Wilkinson Primary School



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to Nursery and Happy New Year from all of the Nursery staff. May we also take this opportunity to thank you for all of your cards, gifts and good wishes at Christmas.

This sheet explains what your child will be learning about during this half term and how you may be able to help. Topics taught in the Foundation Years are planned to meet the seven areas of learning from the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Topic Theme: Winter Around the World

Chinese New Year EYFS activity day – 8th February

Activities specific to our topic will include:

- Ice/snow – How does ice melt? We will be doing an ice investigation and write about what we found.
- Weather – we will be looking at weather around the world and talking about what clothes we need to wear according to the weather.
- Chinese New Year – We will learn about how people celebrate Chinese New Year and turn our role play area into a Chinese Restaurant. We will also have an activity day where we will take part in various activities such as cooking, food tasting, craft making and dancing.
- Pancake Day – We will find out why we celebrate Pancake Day. We will also design our own pancakes, make pancakes and talk about healthy and unhealthy toppings.

RML

The children will be having short, daily RML phonics sessions where they will learn letter sounds. We will focus on one new sound per week. The children will learn to hear, say, read and write the sound.

You can help by:

- Asking them what letter sound they are learning each week
- See how many objects they can find that begin with that letter sound.
- Encouraging them to write the letter sound using the rhyme we have taught them.

Please don't hesitate to ask for more information on this subject. If you have access to the internet, the following website will give you guidance on RML and the correct pronunciation on all of the letter sounds: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Further notes:

- You can help your child by:
 - Reinforcing any of the topics above.
 - Providing your child with fine motor activities such as cutting, sticking, colouring, play dough, threading.
 - Looking for numbers in the environment such as on buses, doors, pages of a book etc.
- **Reading books and busy bags:** your child's reading book, record and busy bag must be brought into school every day. The story book that we send home is for you to share with/read to your child. ***We do not expect or want your child to read the words at the moment.*** Please practise busy activities (colours/shapes/number work) as requested by your child's key worker and record all reading and busy work in the book provided.
- **WOW Notes:** Send these into school to share your child's learning at home (if you need more please ask). These are displayed on a board in the Nursery so everyone can see their achievements.
- **Please check that ALL items worn and taken to school are clearly named.**
- Please encourage your child to mark make and write at home, reinforcing the correct pencil grip. Children can use the rhymes for the letter sounds they have learnt in RML to enable them to form letters correctly.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning