

# Pre-School Newsletter Spring 1 2019

## Happy New Year!



Winter / Winter Animals / Chinese New Year

This half term, our learning will focus around Winter, Winter Animals and Chinese New Year.



### Personal, social and emotional development

We are focusing on:

- Talking about our feelings in a way in which we can encourage children to express how they are feeling (happy, sad) so that we can help them to have a happier start to the day.
- Choose books and puppets that can help children to explore their ideas about friends and friendship and talk about feelings.

### Communication and language development

We will be focusing on:

- Singing and saying rhymes
- Listening to stories and rhymes
- Talking about rhyming words
- Enjoying spoken and written language
- Enjoy looking at books and turning the pages correctly, finding the front cover, back cover and the title

### Physical development

We are:

- Encouraging children to be active and energetic by organising lively games and activities (Tom's trail, bikes)
- Encouraging children's self care and independence with toileting, washing hands, using knives and forks when eating.
- Encouraging children to make healthy choices, such as drink lots of water.
- Encouraging children to put on their own coats and zip them up.

#### Literacy

We will be helping children to understand what a word is by pointing out words in the environment.  
We will be learning how to give meaning to our marks and mark make in a variety of ways.  
We will be encouraging children to recognise their own names.  
We will be encouraging children to hold their pencil correctly.

#### Numeracy

We will be learning to recognise numerals and sing number songs and rhymes.  
We will be reciting numbers  
We will be using number language, such as more and less.  
We will be talking about how the quantity of something changes when we add or take something away.

#### Expressive arts and design

We will be helping children to use one handed tools and equipment.  
We will be encouraging children to handle equipment and toys safely  
We will be combining materials to create pictures and models.

#### Understanding the world

We will be investigating signs of winter and the seasons.  
We will be using words to describe like cold, freezing, ice and winter.  
We will be talking about winter animals and their habitats.  
We will be learning about celebrating Chinese New Year (the year of the Pig).

Please make sure that your child has clothes on that are appropriate for the winter weather!