



St. Mark's Nursery

Weekly Newsletter w/b 19/2/18



This week's Topic: Chinese New Year

This week we will continue to explore Chinese New Year. The children have really enjoyed this topic, so we have enhanced the areas further to help them make progress. These enhancements include, a Chinese meal in the home corner to act out how a family may sit down and share a meal together. We will also celebrate the Christian tradition of Shrove Tuesday or as it's more commonly known 'Pancake Day' this week. We will begin to think about lent by talking about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, which will happen in half term. We will try pancakes with different toppings.

Things to do at home:

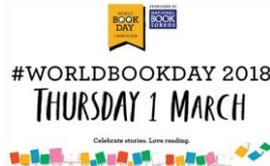
We hope you have a lovely half term and enjoy some family time together. If you do happen to come across anything to do with Chinese New Year and would like to send it in for our investigation area, that would be very kind.

We are still very short on home reading books, so if you have time to have a look at home for any of our missing books that would be very helpful. All nursery books have the school stamp on the inside cover.

Please help:

Next week your child will have the opportunity to try some pancakes. As always, if they do not wish to taste the foods that is fine. We will be cooking some homemade pancakes and trying toppings such as sugar and lemon, treacle and chocolate spread. If you have not already informed nursery, please let us know of any allergies your child has ASAP.

Might I take this opportunity to thank all those of you who regularly put money in 'Winnie the Pooh' as without your generosity we would not be able to carry out these exciting activities. Thank you!



Special Events:

In response to some parents requesting information on phonics, on Thursday 22 February at 3.30pm we are holding a parents meeting about how you can use phonics to teach your child to read. Phonics is now used throughout EYFS and Key Stage 1 in all primary schools. It is really important that parents use the same methods at home to help support your child in becoming a confident reader with a love for stories and books.

As an incentive we are going to start awarding the children certificates to recognise their achievements. We will have a 'Star of the week' and a 'Read Write Inc star'.

If your child is going to receive a certificate you will receive a text message to invite you to the celebration worship in main school where they will receive it.

We will be celebrating world book day with the rest of school on Thursday 1st March. You child is welcome to dress up as a character from their favourite story. There will also be a competition where children can submit a picture of themselves reading somewhere strange. The prize will be a book for the winners.

If anyone has any questions about absolutely anything, please ask a member of the team and we will be happy to help.

Thanks again for all your support

Laurie Kidd

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