

## Nursery

Welcome back after the holidays, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children during this half term.

The focus for this half term will be Winter and Magical Stories.

We will observe the seasonal changes around us and carry out activities relating to Winter. We will read lots of stories such as 'The Snowy Day', 'The Winter Hedgehog', 'Splosh', 'Elmer in the Snow' and 'Cuddly Duddly'. Children will develop their cutting skills by cutting and making snowmen and snowflakes. They will also take part in experiments to develop their understanding of floating and sinking. Children will continue to learn new songs and number rhymes.

During the half term we will further our awareness of other cultures by celebrating Chinese New Year for one week. Children will have the opportunity to make Chinese lanterns, money wallets and make a dragon with junk materials. Children will also copy Chinese writing and sample traditional Chinese food.

Within our Letter and Sounds programme, there will be a great emphasis this half term on rhyming and alliteration. This will include children listening to and joining in with various rhyming stories, singing rhymes and playing a variety of fun and practical games with rhyming picture cards and objects.

In mathematics the children will develop their counting skills. They will count a variety of objects saying one number name for each object. Children will learn to count out a desired number of objects from a larger group. They will also learn 2D shape names and begin to discuss their properties. Children will make repeating patterns, continue number recognition and develop their knowledge of positional language. We will be focusing heavily on the non-negotiable skills. Please support your child to achieve these skills.

We will be introducing our fantastic Story Sacks this half term, where your child will have the opportunity to take a sack home for a period of time. Each sack contains a story, a non-fiction book, props and related games and activities for you to share and complete with your child. We hope this will build upon your child's reading, understanding and enjoyment of stories. The children will be split into two groups, each group will receive their story sacks on a Wednesday and they MUST be returned a week and a half later on the Monday when they will be reviewed in class. If the story sack is not returned on time, I am sorry but it will not be reviewed so please look on our notice board for the date of return. Please help your child look after these wonderful resources. Enjoy and have fun together!

During this half term children will be taking part in 'Little Kickers' sessions in the hall where they will develop a variety of ball skills. Please dress your child in comfortable clothing (it does not have to be school uniform) and trainers on a Wednesday morning.

Please remember to bring in fruit each week so that the children have a variety of fruit to try and share at snack time.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Mrs J. Aydeniz

Mrs A. McNab

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