



## Dear Families,

Welcome to our February Newsletter. The children haven't let the cold weather stop them from playing and exploring!

We have welcomed some new families in the last month and it's wonderful to see the children settling in, investigating their new environments, gaining confidence and making friendships.

We look forward to a busy February with such festivals as Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and Shrove Tuesday just around the corner!

Best wishes

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## Dates for your Diary

- **Chinese New Year**  
5<sup>th</sup> February; Year of the Pig
- **Valentines Day**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- **Pancake Day**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- **World Book Day**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- **Good Friday and Easter Monday we are closed**  
19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Positive ways to talk about the weather

- If it's **COLD** try saying.....  
Come and look out the front door! Can you see your breath? That means we need to wear our warm clothing today.
- If it's **WINDY** try saying.....  
Can you see the trees swaying in the wind? Today would be a great day to fly a kite.
- If it's **SNOWING** try saying....  
WOW! Look at all those beautiful snowflakes. Lets go outside and see if we can catch some on our tongues.
- If it's **RAINING** try saying...  
Rain is wonderful for plants and animals. It's a perfect day to jump in some puddles.
- If it's **CLOUDY** try saying....  
The clouds are hiding the sun. Today would be a great day to look for shapes in the clouds.



## Babies

This month the Babies have been exploring “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”. They have been playing with sensory bottles and lights, finding stars in our room and painting with glittery paint to make our own starry night pictures. The Babies have also been exploring the glittery play dough which has helped to develop their fine motor skills. The children have also enjoyed looking through our song bag and doing lots of singing with the instruments, scarves and song puppets. In February we are looking to explore ice play by painting with ice and exploring Winter while being in the garden.



## Toddlers

This month Toddlers have been busy exploring Winter. They have been exploring ice play and arctic scenes by playing with different colours and arctic animals. The children made their own ice and watched it melt as they played with it. They have dressing up in winter outfits of hats, scarves and gloves so they were prepared for the garden. Next month we will be exploring the colour white and looking at hot and cold and the differences between them.



## Transition

In Transition we have been looking at Winter and the arctic, making arctic scenes in the garden and finding ice there from the frost and seeing how it melts. We have also been looking at our fine and gross motor skills by mixing paint and water together to make water colour pictures and making marks in the winter gloop. We have continued to concentrate on our scissors skills and threading different strings through the numbers and colours. We will continue to look at Winter and the different animals that live in arctic, as well as animals we can find in our own garden. We plan to make homes for the penguins and garden robin and deciding what materials we will need to make their homes.



## Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we have been looking at the “Rainbow Fish” and the importance of sharing. This lead onto looking at life under sea, fish and coral. Firstly we looked at depths of the sea by looking at stories and watched videos of sea creatures in the midnight zone, then made coral out of salt dough. In the garden we have been exploring and finding ice which influenced us to build ice homes for arctic animals. Next month will continue to look at hot and cold, looking at the garden robin and penguin and learning new Winter songs around these animals.

