



Dear Families,

Wow! Where has January gone! We've been so busy that it seems to have disappeared before our eyes.

January was full of bustle in the Nursery, with new families joining and children moving up to new rooms. It's wonderful to see how the children have settled into their new learning environments, gaining confidence and making good relationships.

Seasonally February is a month of Festivals including Chinese New Year, Valentines Day and Shrove Tuesday. We will be exploring how the children experience them in their own families and see them celebrated in the wider community.

If you are looking to increase your child's sessions in September, please could you let me know so I can let you know what availability we have to offer and to secure your place.

Winter is here and as it gets colder please provide hats, gloves and scarves as well as a nice warm coat. Also, can you please label these to avoid them being misplaced. Thank you.

Warm regards

Maryanne Strickland

Nursery Manager

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.

Dates for your Diary

- **Chinese New Year**
5th February; year of the Pig
- **Valentines Day**
Thursday 14th February
- **Pancake Day**
Tuesday 5th March
- **World Book Day**
Thursday 7th March



Babies

This month the Babies have enjoyed settling into the Baby Room and meeting some new friends. They have also enjoyed some winter walks in our local community, up the lane, to the Church, to the lake and to Rhyme Time at the Library. The Babies have also enjoyed exploring farm animals and our nursery rhyme interest table. We have also made some play-dough and explored some messy activities; such as table top painting.



Toddlers

Toddlers have been exploring the winter weather by going out on lots of frosty walks, collecting natural materials and then freezing them to explore the next day. We have also made some winter coloured play dough and added in winter animals. The children used their imagination to pretend the play dough was water or ice for the animals to sit on. They have also taken a big interest in dinosaurs over the past week. We have been on a dinosaur hunt around the wooded area and made our own dinosaur foot prints in clay as well as enjoying lots and lots of dinosaur stories!



Transition

Transition have been exploring Winter by going for a winter scavenger hunt up the lane, looking for different signs of Winter such as holly, robins and brown leaves on the trees. We then followed this on by using the leaves to print with. Transition also planted some brussel sprout seeds after discussing their Christmas lunch! They also learnt about insulation in one of their Mini Professors sessions and how to keep warm and which material was the best insulator. The children have shown an interest in exploring the Winter small world tray, playing with the different animals such as penguins, whales and reindeer and making homes for them. This led to learning new Winter songs!



Kindergarten

This month Kindergarten have been focusing on our safety mascot, Candyfloss and keeping safe when at Nursery. The children have been focusing on hammering golf tees in boxes, and discussing the risks during this activity and how to keep us safe. Additionally, we looked at Winter and the seasonal changes, by going on walks and exploring the ice in the water tray. Next month, we will be exploring Valentines Day and Chinese New Year.

