



This term we welcome Jasmyn, Millie and Annie to the main sessions and Molly, Grace and Skye to the 2 year old afternoon. We hope they all enjoy their time with us.

January 2012



The children have really been enjoying the activities we've been doing based around Chinese New Year and we hope that you will be able to join us on the afternoon of Friday XX

from 2:30 so that they can sing you their Dragon Song and show you all the different things they have been learning about. Everyone is welcome even if you do not usually attend on a Friday.

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We are very pleased to say that our garden area at the Baptist Church is now fenced and grassed and we hope that later in the spring we will be able to begin using it on a regular basis. First we have to be OFSTED inspected since the garden counts as new premises! Nicky, Debbie and Gay will be attending training on outdoor environments and play on **Wednesday 1st February** and again on **Wednesday 21st March**. This means that all staff will have had training in outdoor play to complement the Forest School training that Tess undertook last year. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRE-SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON BOTH THESE WEDNESDAYS.

Our next focus with Every Child A Talker is "Responding Sensitively". The display is up on the board as you come in to pre-school, please do take a moment to have a look and a new card for the set will be sent home shortly.

The second half of this term will be "On the Farm" and the children will be helping to share what they know and plan our activities



through mind mapping. Please see the planning sheet for this term on our website or in pre-school.

- Please **do not drive** up or to pre-school or park in Gravel Close for dropping off or picking up. The primary school asks the same of their parents to ensure the safety of the children at the start and end of school. There is parking available at the Co-op.
- Please ensure that you bring your child's book bag into pre-school each time they attend. There is always lots of creations to take home and often correspondence from us too, the bags help to keep everything safe.



If you want to place an order from either the Puffin Book Club or My Book Corner catalogues please return the order forms to pre-school by **Friday 3rd February**. Please make all cheques payable to the appropriate scheme and not to pre-school and put your name and address on the back. We earn a 20% commission on everything bought.



Thank You!

To everyone who made biscuits for our Partridge Fair stall. We made £230 which I'm sure you'll agree is fantastic and wouldn't have been possible without your gingerbread creations to sell so thank you once again.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

If you have any empty ink cartridges they can be recycled via pre-school. We receive money for each one we recycle. There is a box in the porch in which you can deposit the empties.



Problem Solving Reasoning & Numeracy

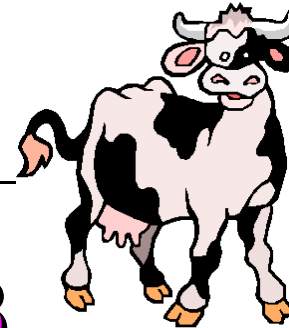
Number activities during small group sessions
Animal puzzles
Matching patterns through threading & peg boards
Using farm animals as props for counting
Exploring space through "fields"

Communication, Language & Literacy

Books about Chinese New Year & Dragons
Looking at Chinese writing
Focussing on new vocabulary
Syllable & rhyming activities
Sharing books & stories based on farms

Knowledge Understanding of the World

Trying some Chinese foods
Small world play with large & small farm animals and farm vehicles
Talking about what happens on farms, what different sorts there are, what baby animals are called etc
Using the computer



Term 3 Chinese New Year



On The Farm

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Learning about Chinese New Year
Practising putting coats, hats, gloves etc independently
Talking about whether we visited a farm
Thinking about asking questions using earning to learn puppets

Creative Development

Making concertina dragons
Listening to Chinese music
Role play with Chinese food - Chinese Restaurant
Stencils of different animals
Singing animal songs
Using musical instruments to accompany singing
Drawing programme on the computer

Physical Development

Cutting & stirring using rice/noodles etc
Fine motor skills through mark making, construction & small world activities
Sing scissors with play dough & paper
Playing racing & chasing games & football at the park & observing the effects of exercise on their bodies

