

<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional</u></p>  <p>As the Reception children are now settled in their classes and familiar with the rules we are asking parents and carers to drop their child off outside the classroom each morning. The children will continue to develop their friendships and independently turn take when playing games or sharing resources.</p>	<p><u>Understanding the World</u></p>  <p>The children will explore different structures over time, including houses and castles. To celebrate Chinese New Year on February 8<sup>th</sup> the children will listen to the story of the twelve animals and practice a dragon dance.</p>
<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p>  <p>We will continue to focus on sentence structure, encouraging adults at home and school to model full sentences and key words. We are encouraging the children to ask questions about what they see and hear, please continue to reinforce this at home.</p>	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p>  <p>We will be continuing to develop the children's fine motor skills with activities such as sewing, balancing marbles on golf tees and cutting of different shaped line. We will play outdoor games and talk about what happens to our bodies when we do exercise.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p>  <p>The children will receive a weekly art session with a professional artist. Through our continuous provision the children will be able to paint, make collages, play musical instruments and build up role-play with their friends.</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p>  <p>Children will continue to develop their maths skills through Maths Makes Sense. This half term we will secure our knowledge of 2D shapes and talk about the number of sides and corners they have. Please reinforce this at home. We will be counting to 100, you can count steps taken and stairs climbed. We will begin to look at takeaway calculations.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p>  <p>During RWI the children are now in different reading groups either rehearsing the letter sounds, beginning to blend the letter sounds together or reading simple sentences. During our writing sessions the children will begin to write initial sounds and CVC words to express their meaning.</p>	

We will continue the healthy eating scheme introduced in Nursery last year, with fruit and milk provided each day. We will continue to collect the voluntary contribution of 50p per week which is used to buy ingredients for cooking and messy play.  
Thank you for your continued support.