



Events & celebrations

Next week – weather permitting – Nursery plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter**.



We will all be celebrating **Chinese New Year** in the EYFS next **Friday 9th February**. We are planning a series of activities on that day.



Please let us know if you or other family members celebrate Lunar New Year, and if so, if you would be willing or able to support us in our celebrations on the morning of Friday 9th February. The PTA have organised an event on Thursday 8th in the main playground. See the attached poster.

Parent partnership

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please email: safeguarding@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Nursery Applications for next year must be **submitted** by Friday 16th February.

Parents' Open Afternoon

Next Friday 9th February from 2-3pm. Come and see what we can do!

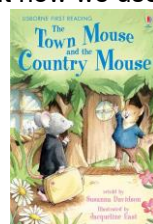
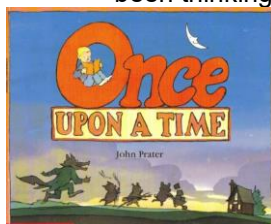
We would welcome donations of carrier bags, and any outgrown wellington boots, shoes, leggings or jogging bottoms.

Half-term

School will close on Friday 9th February and reopen on Monday 19th February.

This week in the EYFS

In Nursery our Word of the Week has been **tale** as our topic this half term is **Traditional Rhymes and Stories**. Our key text was '**Once Upon A Time**' by **John Prater**. We identified the **characters** in the text and listened to and recited the **rhymes** and **traditional tales** that they feature in. We compared this text with 'Each Peach Pear Plum' to find the similarities and differences between these two rhyming texts, where the illustrations add to the narrative. We chose our favourite then we put this information on a **pictogram**. We also wrote our own '**Once Upon A Fairytale**'. We revisited **Tt & Pp** in our '**Letters & Sounds**' phonics work. In '**Think Equal**' we have been thinking about how we use our voices.



This week Reception classes have been hearing the story of '**The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse**'. Their word of the week was **field**. They have learned about the characteristics of mice (and the proper plural of mouse!) . They have covered the vowel digraph **oo**, which can be read in words like wood and moon (it can represent two different sounds) in the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme. In mathematics, they have been exploring, comparing and measuring objects by their **capacity**.

On Thursday both Reception classes visited the exhibition of Alia Farid's fantastic hangings at Chisenhale Gallery. They then created their own images to make a classroom frieze, which they are looking forward to sharing with you next Friday.

Could you help with our playground project?

We have recently reached out to some of our parents for help with the Early Years playground: over the Easter holidays we are planning to refurbish the playground and we would like to cheer up the space by painting the walls as well. We are really interested in hearing from any other parents who might be able to help us with this one weekend - please email Ruth on rcrossan.211@lgflmail.org if you are interested.

Clothing, water bottles & lost property

As the weather has turned a lot colder it is important that children are brought to school in appropriate clothing for the season. This should include a warm coat and footwear. If children bring gloves and hats to school please advise them to put them in their pockets or sleeves and/or label them. In the Early Years children always have access to the outdoor environment of our garden, unless the weather or ground conditions are dangerous.

Children should continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.

Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School!