



Events & Celebrations

In the next month **Nursery** plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter** – we are waiting in the hope of snow!



Sadly, we had to cancel our trip to Chinatown on Thursday due to the level of staff sickness in the EYFS. We appreciate your understanding in these difficult circumstances.



新年快乐
HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
2022
YEAR OF THE TIGER

We celebrated **Chinese New Year** in the EYFS on **Friday 4th February**.



This Week in the EYFS

In **Nursery** this half term our topic is **Traditional Rhymes and Tales**. We read, role-played and discussed **'The Great Race'** which is the traditional story of how, in the Chinese calendar, years came to be named after animals. We found out about our own Chinese Zodiac sign (we are either dogs or roosters!). We sang a **New Year Song**, and did **ribbon** and **dragon dancing**. We have also continued our phonics learning, adding **d** to our Set 1 sounds of s,a,t,p,l,n. Using the context of a race, we learnt about **ordinal numbers** (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.) in Mathematics.



Reception classes have been learning about **China**. They have also learnt about the **Chinese Zodiac**. They made lanterns and dragons. They are continuing to develop their phonic knowledge (letters **q** & **qu** this week) In **mathematics**, Reception have been **ordering** numbers up to 10 and dealing with a naughty Kangaroo who keeps messing their number lines up. They have also written numbers 1-10 in **Mandarin**



Breakfast Club

If your child attends breakfast club *please be advised that they need to arrive by **8.15am*** in order to ensure that they can eat their breakfast before **8.30am** which is the time when children are sent to their classrooms. It is not possible for teaching staff to provide breakfasts for children who arrive later.

Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk However, please do not use these to report your child absent, or for urgent queries as they are usually only checked once a day.

Half Term Holiday

The end of this half term will be **Friday 11th February**. We will return to school on **Monday 21st February**.

Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school **every day**. Please check their book bag for important letters or information. We will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.

Children in Reception are also issued with a **Bug Club login**. This is an **online reading resource** where class teachers allocate texts. Parents should log on **weekly** for children to practise reading an appropriate level of text using their developing phonic knowledge. When children are given this opportunity to read to and with parents at home it makes a real difference to their fluency and has a positive impact on their progress and attainment in reading.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

We sent all changing bags home at the end of last term

Please ensure that your child returns to school a **spare set of clothes** (underwear, a top, leggings or jogging bottoms) in their changing bag in case they get wet or dirty. This should include spare **socks** and **shoes**.

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

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

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