



Learning Together for a Better Future



Events & Celebrations

This half term we will begin sending notes home to commend children whose behaviour, attitude or engagement with a task or activity has been **'above and beyond'** our expectations. We would like to share their successes with their families. This is in addition to a **'Recognition Board'** in our classrooms which has a weekly focus for our whole class and where we can celebrate our collective achievements towards a specific target. We hope this will help your children to be **'Ready to Learn!'**

We will all be celebrating **Lunar New Year** in the EYFS next **Friday January 27th**.



On **Friday 3rd February** Reception Classes are planning to travel into the centre of London to visit Chinatown to support their topic focus on **China** and **Chinese New Year Celebrations**.

January (see our message, below).
In the next month **Nursery** plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter**.

Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:
Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk
Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

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 Friday 27th January. We are planning some activities on the morning of that day.

February Half Term Holiday

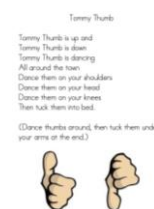
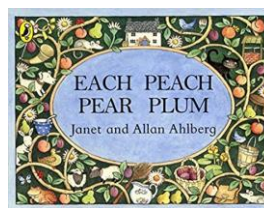
The end of this Half Term will be **Friday 10th February**.

We will return to school on **Monday 20th February**.

This Week in the EYFS

Thanks to all the parents who joined us in school for 'Blue Monday' – we hope you enjoyed a positive start to your week!

This week in Nursery our word of the week has been **spy**. We have been playing the game 'I spy' and also encountering the word in our key text **'Each Peach Pear Plum'**. Our topic in Nursery this half term is **traditional rhymes** and **stories** so we identified the characters in the text and listened to and read the rhymes and stories that they feature in.



Reception classes' Word of the Week has been **dream** which is a word from their literacy text. They have continued their work on 'Blue Penguin', including making their own penguin using a balloon and papier-mâché. They have also been introducing the children to 'Helicopter Stories'. In phonics, they have continued Phase 3 of the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme and have been learning the letters x, y and z. In Mathematics they have been combining groups to find a total and comparing and measuring height.



Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. **Please help us maintain our stock of picture books by promptly returning any books which your child has been issued with during this year.**

Reception Class teachers have provided your child with their individual **username** and **password** for our online reading resource **Bug Club**.



You will now be able to go online to access the books which each child has been allocated.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

As the weather is now more changeable, please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothes to school including a **weatherproof coat** and **footwear**.

It remains important that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. This should include spare **socks** and **shoes**. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag.

Please ensure spare clothes are replenished and returned the next day.

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