

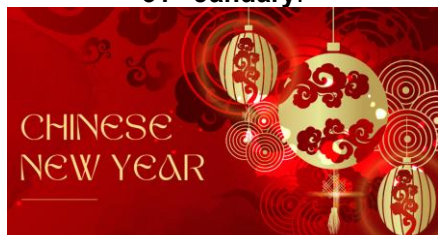


**Events & Celebrations**

In the next month **Nursery** plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter**. We hope to do this on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, weather permitting. We plan to leave school around **9.30am** and return by **11.30am**. We would welcome parents to join us for this trip. Please speak to the Nursery staff if you are willing to accompany us.

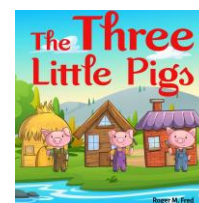
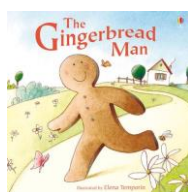


We will all be celebrating **Chinese New Year** in the EYFS next Friday **31<sup>st</sup> January**.



**This Week in the EYFS**

In Nursery, our word of the week has been **syllable**. We have been practising identifying and clapping the syllables in animal names. This is one of the skills children need to master to develop their phonological awareness. We read the book **'Monkey & Me'** by Emily Gravett and learned to clap the syllables in the names of all the animals in the book and many, many more! We explored the difference in the number of syllables (e.g bat & kangaroo). In phonics we also focused on the letter/sound Hh. For mathematics we learned to recite the rhymes 'Tommy Thumb' and 'One finger, one thumb, keep moving'. We also made our own Tommy Thumb puppets. Our **Think Equal** work focused on the importance of listening.



Our Reception classes have been continuing their exploration of **traditional tales**. Wrens voted to focus on the story of **'The Three Little Pigs'** whilst Woodlarks chose **'The Gingerbread Man'**. They then wrote their own versions of the story. In phonics, the children have been learning the letter-sound correspondence for the consonant digraph **Ch**. They have also been introduced to two more 'tricky words': **they** and **push**. In mathematics they have been learning to compare and measure weight and capacity. They have also begun to participate in drama sessions delivered by Artis. Their word of the week this week has been **'Festival'** as they have started learning about the **Lunar New Year**, in preparation for our celebrations at the end of next week.

**Applications for September Nursery places**

Please don't forget to apply in time if you would like a Nursery place for your child in September. **The deadline for Nursery places is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**Book Bags & Changing Bags**

**Changing bags & book bags should be brought to school every day!**

*Although we do have spare clothes it is a challenge for staff to find items from our stock which fit particular individuals on demand, and children are a lot happier to put on clothing which they recognise as belonging to them.*

**Phonics Workshop**

We will be running a Phonics Workshop for **Reception** parents **next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at **9am** in the school library.

This will be an opportunity to find out more about how we teach phonics to enable children to read and write and what you can do to support your child's learning.

**Half Term**

The Half Term holiday will be **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>– Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

**Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property**

If you are planning to order some new school uniform for your child from MyClothing <https://myclothing.com/> you can use this code for a 10% discount. **Code = UNIFORM10% Expires = 31/03/2025** Please also remember we have lots of pre-loved uniform in the room near the office for bargain prices, or free if you need it.

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!**