



### Events & celebrations

Before the end of this half term Nursery plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter**.



In the last week Reception and Nursery children have enjoyed a gardening workshop, planting seeds ready for **Spring** with Cassie.

We will all be celebrating **Chinese New Year** in the EYFS on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.



*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 9<sup>th</sup> February. We are planning some activities on the morning of that day.*

### Parent partnership

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please email: [safeguarding@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Nursery Applications for next year need to be submitted by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### Parents' Open Afternoon

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 2-3pm.

**Come and see what we can do!**

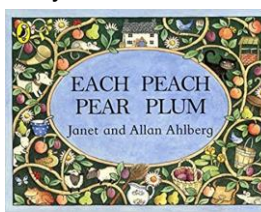
*We would welcome donations of carrier bags, and any outgrown wellington boots, shoes, leggings or jogging bottoms.*

### Half-term

School will close on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and reopen on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

### This week in the EYFS

In Nursery our Word of the Week has been **rhyme** as our topic this half term is **Traditional Rhymes and Stories**. Our key text is '**Each Peach Pear Plum**'. We identified the characters in the text and listened to and recited the rhymes and stories that they feature in. We chose our favourite characters from the text and explained why we liked them. We then put this information on a **pictogram**. We have enjoyed playing the game '**I spy**' and linked this to our phonic knowledge as we revisited **Aa** in our '**Letters & Sounds**' phonics work. In '**Think Equal**' we have been thinking about the many things that make us special and unique. We decorated a ladybird to reflect our different personalities.



This week Reception classes extended their learning about **penguins**.

They wrote a letter to '**Blue Penguin**'. Their word of the week was **dream** and they drew and described their own dreams, after hearing about Blue Penguin's dream. They made penguin posters to record all the information they have acquired about this fascinating creature. They also made some lovely penguin artwork. They have covered the vowel digraph **oa** and trigraph **igh** in the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme. In mathematics they have been exploring, comparing and measuring objects by their mass.



### 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](mailto:rcrossan.211@lgflmail.org) or come along to a meeting next Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.45pm in the library.

### 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!**