



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 **next Wednesday 5th 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.

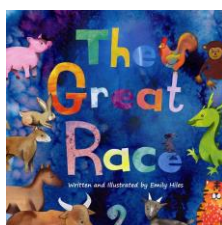


We celebrated **Lunar New Year** in the EYFS on Friday and would like to wish all the best to those celebrating.



This Week in the EYFS

This week in Nursery our word of the week has been **order** as we enjoyed learning about the story of **'The Great Race'**. This is a **traditional story** from China, which explains the **order** of the years of the Chinese Zodiac, which are named after animals. We have discovered which animal year we were born into – Nursery children were either born in the year of the rat, or the year of the ox - then we put this information on a **pictogram**. We also learned that Wednesday marked the **Lunar New Year** and the beginning of the year of the snake. We have been making lanterns, dragon masks and Lunar New Year cards. Our mathematical learning has been focused on **ordinal number** as we described the order that animals finished in the race – from first to twelfth. We focused on the letter/sound **li** for our **'Letters & Sounds'** phonics work. In **Think Equal** we worked together to make a rainbow after we had explored the many ways in which we are similar and different to each other.



Our Reception classes have read a range of traditional stories from China including **'The Magic Paintbrush'** and **'Stone Soup'**. They have also been learning all about the **Lunar New Year** and have made snakes to celebrate. In phonics, the children have been learning the letter-sound correspondence for the consonant digraphs **th** and **ng**. They have also continued to practice reading and writing the 'tricky words' **they** and **push**. In mathematics they have been investigating the numbers 6, 7 and 8.

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 16th 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.

Junk Modelling Materials Please!

Next week the children in Reception will be using junk modelling materials for a design and technology project. We would particularly welcome donations of the following items:

- Plastic bottles (all sizes)
- Egg boxes
- Cartons & boxes
- Tubes e.g kitchen towel
- Yoghurt pots & tubs
- Plastic lids and bottle tops

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!**

Half Term

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