



Celebrations & Events



Happy New Year to all our families!

In the next month **Nursery** plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter**.



Next Friday **16th January** **Reception classes** will have a drama workshop facilitated by **Drama4All**.

Reception classes will be going on a trip to **The Science Museum** on **Thursday 22nd January** to support their learning on space.

We will all be celebrating **Lunar New Year** in the EYFS on **Friday 13th February**. This will also be the date of our **Parent Open Afternoon** for the Spring term from 2-3pm



Applications for September Nursery and Reception places

Please don't forget to apply in time if you would like a Nursery or Reception place for your child in September.

The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January and that for Nursery places is 14th February 2026.

Half Term

The Half Term holiday will be from **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February**.

This Week in the EYFS

We have been delighted at how well the children have adjusted to being back in school after the Christmas holidays and they are already showing us that they are ready for more wonderful learning.

We have also welcomed eight new children and their families to Nursery this week. They have made a very positive start to their time in Sun Class.

In Nursery our word of the week has been **calendar** as we have been identifying important dates (such as our birthdays) alongside learning about **New Year celebrations** and **traditions** including singing Auld Lang Syne and deciding on Sun Class and individual **New Year resolutions**. We have also been identifying the months of the year and the seasons.



This half term our Reception classes have begun by looking at traditional tales. They have been identifying a range of stories from this genre and have been voting on which tale they would most like to study in more depth. In phonics, the children have been focusing on the digraph **ch** and demonstrating their retention of the learning from last term by completing a reading sheet. In mathematics they have been subitising numbers to 5 and identifying the number that is one less. They have also learned how to read and write tally charts.

Encouraging Positive Behaviour

A workshop on understanding children's behaviour difficulties and how parents/carers can manage these difficulties and encourage more positive behaviour.

A **FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS AT CHISENHALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Date: Friday 16th January
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am
Location: Chisenhale Primary School

During our Parents' Evening meetings quite a few families mentioned that their children were having emotional outbursts outside of school that they were finding it difficult to understand or know how to respond effectively to support their child.

If you are having similar issues you may be interested in attending this free workshop which will be led by Tower Hamlets Education Wellbeing Service.

Next Friday 16th January 9-10am.

Reception Parents Coffee Morning



The Reception class teachers are preparing to launch the online journal **Tapestry** which they will be using to help record and share the learning (and fun) that your child is experiencing during their school days. They would like to invite you to a coffee morning on **Friday 30th January from 9-10am** when they will be sharing and demonstrating how you can access this information.