



## Celebrations & Events

**Reception** classes will be going on their trip to **The Science Museum** next **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** to support their learning on space. On that day children will need to bring a backpack and wear appropriate shoes and coat for the weather conditions. Also if your child is bringing a packed lunch from home please make sure it is healthy (no nuts, cakes, chocolate or drinks other than water in their water bottles please).



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

We will all be celebrating **Lunar New Year** in the EYFS on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 was 15<sup>th</sup> January and that for Nursery places is 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

## Half Term

The Half Term Holiday will be from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

## This Week in the EYFS

It's been a busy week in Nursery as we have welcomed five new children and their families. Thank you for your support as we are settling and introducing all our January cohort to the routines and expectations of their new school.

In Nursery our word of the week has been **Resolutions** as we have been writing our own New Year Resolutions and decorating our Resolution stars. We have continued our phonics learning with the letter **li**. We have been exploring number through number rhymes such as 'One Finger, One Thumb, Keep Moving'.



Reception classes have continued their exploration of traditional tales. They have been looking at different versions of the same story and comparing the plot, language, themes and features. They enjoyed an interactive drama session for the 'The Three Little Pigs' and a Drama4All workshop on Friday. In phonics, the children have been focusing on the digraphs sh and th in tricky words like push and they. In mathematics they have been consolidating their knowledge of numbers up to 5, counting up and down, subitising (recognising numbers presented in a variety of ways without having to count), using vocabulary such as 'more' and 'fewer' accurately to compare numbers and knowing number bonds.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> January from 9-10am** when they will be sharing and demonstrating how you can access this information.

**Reception teachers would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany classes on their trip. We could only chose three additional adults from each class which were chosen at random 'out of the hat'. We know there is some disappointment for those not chosen.**

**We plan to make many more trips in the forthcoming months and will need more support in the future.**