



Celebrations & Events



Next week is **Maths Week** at Chisenhale Primary School and our theme is **'Wild Maths'**. We are planning for lots of exciting and engaging Maths based learning both inside and outside our classrooms, culminating in a **'Dress Up for Digits Day'** on **Friday 6th February**.

This is a fundraising event for the **NSPCC**.

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**



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 13th February. We are planning some activities on the morning of that day.

Winter Lights at Canary Wharf

There is a free immersive light trail around Canary Wharf from **5-10pm** every day until **Saturday 31st January**. There are stewards and signposting throughout or you can find information online

<https://canarywharf.com/winter-lights/>

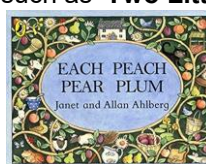
Brighten up the dark nights!

Half Term

The Half Term Holiday will be from **Monday 16th – Friday 20th 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 looked at the words that rhymed in the text then we chose our favourite characters and explained why we liked them. We then put this information on a **pictogram**. We have enjoyed playing the game **'I spy'**. We read the book **'Kitchen Disco'** and learned to clap the syllables in the names of all the fruits in the book and many more! We continued our phonics learning with the letter **Kk** We have been exploring number through number rhymes such as **'Two Little Dicky Birds'**.



Reception classes have continued their exploration of **Space** and the **Solar System** and have been fascinated by learning more about the topic through a range of non-fiction texts. Crossbills really enjoyed exploring gravity, whilst Capercaillies have been drawn to Black Holes!

They also read **'Astro Girl'** by Ken Wilson-Max. In phonics, the children have been focusing on the digraphs **ng** and **nk**. In mathematics they have been recognising the numerals 6, 7 & 8 and exploring the composition of each number.



Nursery Class Trip to Victoria Park



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 4th 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 and able to accompany us.

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.

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.