



Celebrations & Events

On **Thursday 5th March** we will be celebrating **World Book Day at Chisenhale Primary School** when we will be dressing up as book characters and celebrating reading throughout the school.

Our celebrations will also include a visit to Bard Books on Roman Road.

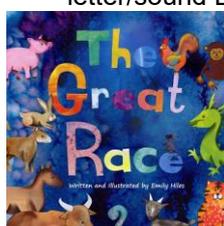


We celebrated Lunar New Year in the EYFS on Friday and would like to wish all the best to those celebrating.

For Reception Classes **Tapestry** is now live. We have sent invitations to the email addresses which you have shared with us. If you have any problems connecting please let Jill or April know. Enjoy looking at your child's Journal over half term and we look forward to sharing more of their achievements with you in the future.

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 **ox**, or the year of the **tiger** - then we put this information on a **pictogram**. We also learned that next Wednesday marks the beginning of the year of the **Horse**. We have been making lanterns, dragon masks and Lunar New Year cards and finding out how this festival is celebrated. 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.



Reception classes have been learning all about **Lunar New Year**. They really enjoyed the story of how the animals were chosen – The Great Race across the River. They have also learned some facts about horses as it is the year of the horse. They loved learning about how people celebrate Lunar New Year. In phonics, the children have been mastering the trigraph **igh** and the digraph **oa**. In **Mathematics** they have been looking at pairs, to find matching pairs and adding two numbers together.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding our second parent meeting of the year in the week commencing 2nd March. A Google Document to facilitate this has been made available online and you will shortly receive confirmation of the date and time of your appointment.

All classes will be offering a **ten minute** appointment with your child's teacher after school hours on **Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd March**. In addition Sun Nursery parents will be able to book appointments throughout the day on **Tuesday 3rd March**.

Half Term

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

Exciting Developments in the EYFS!

This half term the Parent Teacher Association for our school asked teachers for a wish list for items to enhance their area of the curriculum. We are delighted to announce that Early Years successfully applied for the funding to buy a range of robust, exciting and challenging bikes, trikes and scooters to extend the physical challenges available in our setting. We hope you will see them in action when you visit us next Friday!

We would like to thank the PTA for all their fundraising efforts as we would never be able to afford to buy the range and quality through our regular budget for the EYFS.

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.