



Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a wonderful couple of weeks and the projects have been incredibly popular with the children. Last week they enjoyed their salad making project and truly amazed us with how adventurous they were. All children tried at least one new food!

This week we celebrated Lunar new year a week early and our project was centered all around the Lunar New Year Celebrations in China. Stay tuned for more information and pictures on Tapestry.

Next week is Languages week and the children have some exciting things to look forward to:

On Monday 5th February they will have the opportunity to attend an assembly on Spanish-speaking countries and enjoy a delicious Spanish lunch

On Thursday 8th February they have a special treat of churros for snack and then will watch a Spanish performer. They will also enjoy a French-inspired lunch.

Finally on Friday 9th February children who attend today may come to school dressed up and can wear clothes associated with a culture of their choice. I wonder what the teachers will wear?

Below are a few links to some of the Spanish Songs we have been singing to the children, I'm sure you will find that your little one will be able to sing them to you confidently!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlBZeNKCbSI>

[Cabeza Hombros Rodillas Y Pies & Más Canciones Infantiles \(youtube.com\)](#)

Free-flow

This year the children have been really engaged with the home corner, role-play in general and imaginative play. We have set up a 'café' within the role-play area as they enjoyed this part of the project so much. We have also set up a water tray full of babies to wash and care for, as well as a farm small world scene. There has been some wonderful expressive language observed and it just demonstrates how valuable this type of play is.



The children have also enjoyed practising their fine-motor skills by chopping, moulding, squeezing and cutting play dough to try to form vegetables, again linking to last week's popular project activities.

Forest School

Thankfully the weather has warmed up (slightly) so the children were able to go to their favourite part of Wimbledon Common, the stream! They had a wonderful time splashing about, walking along the stream and building a damn. They also hunted around the forest for logs and found some lovely natural objects. Finally they enjoyed standing by the pond and watched some ducks, swans, moorhens and seagulls swimming.



Project:

As you will have seen on Tapestry, last week the Nursery was transformed into a salad bar! The children enjoyed listening to the story 'I Will Not Never Ever Eat a Tomato' and enjoyed making up some funny names for the vegetables in the book. Next they had a go at digging for root vegetables, playing in a café role play area and finally chopping a huge variety of vegetables (thank you for providing so many) to make a salad bar. Just before snack they learned how to make a simple salad dressing and then queued up to choose their own salad. Later they all ate a rather large bowl of salad for snack time.





This week we enjoyed learning all about Lunar New Year. They children looked at pictures of how the various countries celebrated as well as taking part in a dragon dance, trying out chopsticks and trying some delicious chamomile tea.



Books

Below are some suggestions of books based on Lunar New Year and some celebrating languages to support our work this week.

Luna New Year by Natasha Yim. A celebratory, inclusive and educational exploration of Lunar New Year for both children that celebrate and children who want to understand and appreciate their peers who do.

A Sweet new Year for Ren by Michelle Sterling. Little Ren looks forward to the preparation for and festivities of Lunar New Year, but she is always too little to help make the delicious pineapple cakes that are her favourite. She watches family members rolling out the dough and loves the mouth-watering smell. Watching and waiting, when will Ren be old enough? This charming picture book includes a recipe for pineapple cakes!

Grumpy New Year by Katrina Moore. Daisy is traveling to China and she's excited to see her Yeh-Yeh again! She has big plans for all the fun they'll have together in preparation for Lunar New Year, like flying kites and making jiao zi. But when she arrives, she has trouble sleeping and is less jolly than she hoped. Throughout the week, Yeh-Yeh tries all sorts of things to help her have a fun holiday and get her past her grumpiness. Will Daisy be able to get some rest and have one perfect day before she goes home?

How do you say I Love You by Hannah Eliot. Learn how to say "I love you" in ten different languages with this heartwarming board book.

Salsa Lullaby by Jen Arena. How to get baby to sleep? Mami and Papi will try anything in this bouncy, loving, bilingual lullaby that gently says good night in both Spanish and English.

Say Hello by Linda Davick. Illustrations and rhyming text reveal that “hello” can be said many ways, from a handshake to a dance of happiness, and that the world would be a lot more fun if more hellos were shared.

Best wishes

Nursery Team

