



Our February 2022 Newsletter



Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term!

We are looking forward to some milder weather and exploring outdoors searching for signs of Spring - our 'big' garden is so beautiful at this time of year!

The previous term seemed to fly past so quickly, but we had great fun with our topics which also created lots of learning opportunities. The children particularly loved the bird watching week, making bird feeders, and searching for birds using the binoculars! They also showed lots of interest in Chinese New Year - they created a brilliant dragon which they proudly paraded around the nursery.

Next term, we will be talking about the seasons of the year and how it is changing to Springtime. This will include lots of creative activities along with learning some new Spring songs.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March so we thought it would be a good opportunity to celebrate this all week with 'Book Week'. The children are more than welcome to bring in a book from home to share with everyone (please label!) and they can dress up as their favourite book character too - staff will be joining in with dressing up!

Towards the end of the term, we will also be talking about Easter.

We will update you with any other topics either on the Parent Noticeboard in the foyer or on Tapestry.

Staff Update

It is Charlie Upshall's last week with us as he will be leaving us on Friday 25th February - we are all going to miss Charlie so much, but we wish him well on his exciting future travels and adventures!

We are pleased to advise that Sarah Gass will be joining us from the beginning of this term. Sarah has previously been a parent of a child who attended Little Hands and several of you will recognise her. We are excited that she will be joining us and being part of our team!

Spring Summaries

Key workers are in the process of completing a summary of the children's progress and development and these will be added to Tapestry shortly. We would really appreciate it if you could add your comments as well to the report, so that we are all working together to support your child's development.

If you have any queries regarding these please do not hesitate to let us know.

Parent Meetings

We appreciate how difficult it can be for you to catch up with your child's key worker at home time, but should you wish to arrange a virtual meeting or telephone call catch up, please just let us know and we can arrange this at a convenient time.

It is always lovely to speak with you to discuss your child's progress and development whilst at Nursery - we miss you coming into the setting!

Best Wishes Lots of Best Wishes

Erika, Steph, Tracy, Lisa, Alison, Stefan, Emily, Charlie W. and Charlie U.

SENCo (special educational needs coordinators) are Lisa Gilbert and Stefan Pantazi.

EHA (Early Help Assessment) and Behaviour Management is Lisa Gilbert.

Designated Child Protection persons are Lisa Gilbert and Stefan Pantazi

Equal Opportunities coordinator are Lisa Gilbert and Hayley Tasker (currently on maternity leave).

Nursery Planning for the nursery are Stefan Pantazi and Hayley Tasker (currently on maternity leave).



Learning about looking after our World!



Our Chinese Dragon



Bathing babies, learning about the importance of good hygiene.

Term dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October 7 weeks

25th - 29th October Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 7 weeks

Christmas holiday club

20th 21st 22nd 23rd December 2020

4th 5th January

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 6th January – Friday 11th February 5 weeks 2 days

14th – 18th February Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 21st February – Friday April 1st 6 weeks

Easter holiday club 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April

Easter bank holidays 15th and 18th April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May 5 weeks 3 days

(2nd May bank holiday - closed)

30th May - 1st June Half Term Holiday Club x 3 days

(2nd 3rd June bank holidays - closed)

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July 7 weeks