

# Nursery Weekly Newsletter



## What have we been doing this week?

- Dragon Stories The children know that dragons are only in stories (we haven't discussed the komodo dragon!). They have really enjoyed all the books shown above and some others too.
- Drama With Chinese New Year being celebrated around the world the children learned about the story through drama. They took the parts of the Chinese gods and the animals of the Chinese zodiac acting out the race that determined which animal was the first to have the New Year named after it.
- Music and Story In small groups children helped the teacher to bring a simple dragon story to life by creating a backdrop of percussion sounds. Each child contributed as instructed, playing either a triangle, drum, tambourine, shaker and glockenspiel.
- Maths game In groups the children played the game of retrieving all the treasure from the dragon's lair and returning it to the castle from where he stole it! This involved rolling a die, counting the spots and travelling along the stepping stones counting each one.
- Skipping workshops These were fabulous and got all the children jumping, running and keen to skip!

## What will we be doing next week?

- The children are so keen to take their drawings and models home on the day they create them that we are quite short of lovely artwork for displays to enjoy and inspire others. So we are for the following week asking children to contribute one piece of work towards our displays.

**REMINDERS AND INFORMATION:** Thank you for your cooperation with our new drop off and collection methods. We are finding it much calmer and certainly safer. Please catch me at the end of the collection or drop-off if you need to see me or drop me an email.

**AT HOME:** Have fun skipping! Jumping over a rope on the floor is a good start, or running underneath a rope as it is turned by two other people is also great fun for little ones! If they are keen to progress further Lizzie the workshop leader says that it is easier for young ones to coordinate if they turn the rope backwards (over their head) rather than forwards (under the feet). I hope that makes sense!?