



## **Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 28th January**

Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man! This week we have been so impressed with the children's confidence in retelling stories, their ability to take on a character role in their play and the story narratives they have created. The Gingerbread Man has been a huge hit in the Nursery and has truly captured the children's imaginations. Our home corner has been filled with gingerbread men baking in the oven and our outdoor mud kitchen turned into a bakery with lots of other goodies being created such as cakes and doughnuts.

In phonics this week we played a game called 'Odd One Out' and consolidated our knowledge and understanding of rhyme. There has been lots of laughter and creativity with the children playing with the sound of words and inventing their own rhymes. In maths our number detectives have been busy exploring the different ways to represent numbers. On Tuesday the Nursery was full of energy and excitement as the children participated in their first PE lesson. The children took on the role of witches and wizards whilst learning to develop spatial awareness and how to move safely. We are already looking forward to next week's pirate PE adventure.

Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school next week as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email [office.hisn@hpp.school](mailto:office.hisn@hpp.school) and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

### **Week beginning 31st January**

- In phonics we will focus on consolidating the children's understanding of rhythm and rhyme. Next week we will be exploring syllables and learning how to clap out the syllables in words.
- In maths we will be further exploring 2 and how to represent this using a five frame. We will focus on how to use a five frame correctly. Alongside this we will also explore the order-irrelevance principle. This involves children understanding that the order we count a group of objects is irrelevant. There will still be the same number. To support this at home you can model to your child counting objects left to right, right to left, top to bottom, bottom to top and then encouraging them to have a go too. Once you have counted a group, move the objects and ask your child how many there are. If they count them all again they have not fully grasped this principle and need further practice.

### **We will be supporting the children in:**

- Recapping rules and routines in our classroom/garden
- Taking responsibility for our belongings and where things belong in our environment
- Managing our toileting needs independently
- Learning how to use our words to express our feelings and needs
- Developing our friendships across the Nursery
- Recognising their name independently
- Learning how to resolve conflicts
- Developing strategies to regulate their emotions



Next week the children will be learning about Chinese New Year. We will explore the Chinese New Year festival and how it is celebrated. We will share a story 'Dragons in the City' and will practise saying Happy New Year in Mandarin Chinese. We will look at some of the traditions including red envelopes, dragon dancing, lanterns, stories and dance and we will discuss what the 'Year of the Tiger' means.

**Time to talk:** We all know how important talking at home is for exposing children to a wide range of vocabulary and ideas. This in turn helps children with their reading and to become future writers. As we are learning about Chinese New Year, we thought it might be a nice opportunity to have a conversation about your own family celebrations and traditions. What do you celebrate and how?

### **Some important information and reminders:**

- **Change of pick up:** Just a reminder to please ensure that you email the office or speak to a member of the Nursery team if your child is being collected from Nursery by a different adult or going home with another child. This also applies if your child needs to be collected early from school. Thank you.
- **Nursery PE lessons:** Please be reminded that our PE lessons will be **every Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child wears the following PE kit: red t-shirt (preferably the school top), black or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings and black trainers (no laces please). If you have any questions please feel free to ask.
- **Borrow a Book:** We are so pleased to hear that the children are enjoying our Borrow a Book scheme and continuing to develop a love of reading at home and at school. Please ensure your child returns their book **every Thursday** so that we can provide your child with a new book each Friday. Thank you.
- **Sensory/messy play resources:** The children love sensory and messy play activities and we are often in need of ingredients. If you are happy to donate any of the following we would really appreciate it: salt, plain flour, cornflour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and shaving cream.
- **Nursery Amazon Wishlist:** We would like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to our Nursery families for the items we have received so far from our wishlist. The children have already begun to benefit from the resources you have purchased and we are so incredibly grateful to you for supporting us in improving the children's learning experiences at school. If you would like to support us with this please speak to the Nursery class representatives. Thank you.
- **Hand hygiene:** Please spend some time at home reinforcing the importance of hand hygiene with your child and modelling to them how to wash and dry their hands. In addition, please show your child how to cover their mouths when coughing and talk to them about using a tissue when sneezing. Thank you.



- **Spare change of clothes:** Please ensure that any school clothes which are sent home with your child are washed and returned to us as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **End of the day pick up** - We ask that when you are collecting your child you wait along the wall beside the Nursery gate and then move over to the railings when the child you are collecting has been called so that they can clearly see the adult picking them up. This helps us to ensure that the end of session dismissal runs smoothly and the children find their adult with ease.

Please ensure you drop your child off on time at the start of the Nursery session as this is key to helping them settle for the morning/afternoon and is important when helping your child adapt to the Nursery routines.

### Things to bring to school:

- **A pair of wellies** - we ask that each child bring a pair of wellies to school (labelled with their name) which will be left at Nursery so that during the wet months the children have appropriate footwear whilst in the garden.
- **Water bottles** - please make sure these are named and are filled with water instead of juice. We ask that the children do not put these into their book bags as they may damage any letters, pictures or books which may be inside.
- **Raincoat** - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!).
- **Red School Book bag**

**Please ensure all items listed above are clearly labelled**