

### Library

Our new library will soon be up and running in the reception area. Mrs Wilkinson is working hard to develop a working library where you and your children can check out a book and provide feedback to your child's key person about the books you share.

### WOW Moments

We love the wow moments that you have been sharing. As well as learning about your child's achievements, those small pieces of paper give your child a sense of pride. Please continue to share them with us. The slips of paper are available in the room.

### Progress Reports

We will be conducting the rest of your children's progress meetings from this month. During this meeting you will meet with your child's key person and get a copy of their report. A member of staff from the room will be booking an appointment with you from this week for the end of January/early February.

### Learning to Recycle

Over the next couple of weeks, three bins will appear in the reception area. These bins will be for your children to recycle boxes, plastic bottles, take away containers etc. When the bins are full the contents will be shared between the three rooms to allow the children to create 3D models.

### Winter Clothing

The children are able to access the outdoors in all weathers and we are keen to take the children out into the local community. Please make sure the children have appropriate, named, winter clothing and footwear so they will stay warm and dry.

### What we need

We like to use loose parts to promote our learning and currently we would like to extend a few of our collections with your help:

- Old Pots and Pans
- Paper Plates
- Old Kitchen Utensils
- Wool
- Non working electrical equipment

### Something Beautiful bags and Christmas Diaries

There is still time for your children to partake in our 'something beautiful' project. We love the loose parts and found objects that have been brought in so far! We are also enjoying reading the Christmas diaries with your children - if you have not bought your diary back to us, there is still time. It is a great tool to support your child's memory and recall development.

## What we are Learning

### JANUARY

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: Letter R  
Number 8  
*Stickman* – Learning about safety and using tools in theory

### FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Letter S  
Number 9  
*Stickman* – Learning about safety and using tools in practice. Chinese New Year and Pancake Day

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Letter T  
Number 10  
*Guess How Much I Love You* – Learning about family/friendships and Valentine's Day.

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Letter U  
Number 11  
*Miss Spider's Tea Party* – Learning about mini-beasts.

### MARCH

29<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Letter V  
Number 12  
*Miss Spider's Tea Party* – Learning about mini-beasts and Mother's Day.

7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Letter W  
Number 13  
*What the Ladybird Heard* – Learning about the farmyard.

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Letter X  
Number 14  
*What the Ladybird Heard* – Learning about maps.

## Any Other News

*Please remember to name all your child's clothing.*

Please can you take your child's water bottle home on a daily basis so they can be cleaned and replenished with water.

*We have a lot of children bringing toys in from home. Unfortunately we do not have the space to store them. Please can toys remain at home.*

Please can you send in a named pack of baby wipes with your child.

*We are still collecting photographs of your child on a bridge for our notice board.*

We need to replenish our stock of spare clothing (age 3-5). If you have any donations of socks, pants, trousers and tops we would be very grateful.

*We are in the process of updating our calendar and have lots of exciting events coming up. Please keep an eye out for emails and letters in the next few weeks.*

**A reminder about our entry system:**

**Please could we remind you not to let anyone else into nursery once you have been buzzed in. It is extremely important that we follow our procedure for obvious security reasons. We know that it may feel impolite not to hold the door for someone, but we must stress that each parent has to buzz his or her own room individually. If someone does hold the door for you please decline and buzz the room yourself.**

## Diary Dates

Chinese New Year: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

Shrove Tuesday: 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

- Half-term -15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>Feb (return Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb)

St. Patrick's Day - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

St David's Day: 1<sup>st</sup> March

World Book Day - 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Mother's Day: 6<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's Day: 17<sup>th</sup> March

- Easter break: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March