

# Early Years Newsletter

## Spring 1



Mrs White and Mrs Tracey

### Contribution

We ask politely for a £1 a week contribution for snack, baking and gardening. Please pop this in our piggy bank just inside of our classroom.

### Library books

Library books are changed every Wednesday.

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### Diary Dates

Rsbp- Big Garden bird watch

24-26<sup>th</sup> of January

Chinese New Year

29<sup>th</sup> Of January

1-7 February 2025 Children's mental health week

*Happy New Year everyone.*

*We hope you have had a lovely holiday and are looking forward to seeing all your friends again and welcoming new children to little Explorers.*

Our next learning topic this half term is called

### **Traditional tales.**

The 3 little pig's story.

The Gingerbread man

Little Red Riding hood

We have a day planned this half term for learning about Chinese culture and their special new year celebration.

Children's mental health week takes place each year. This year it is on the 1-7 February 2025. The theme is, 'My Voice Matters', helping empower children to express themselves and boost their self-esteem.

During the week we will be talking about what I am good at and what I can do. Showing and sharing ideas and skills with others.

Investigators are continuing their **RWI phonics** in new groups that are now taking place in school.

Explorers are continuing to follow **Letters and sounds**. Big explorers are learning about rhyming words and our Little Explorers are practicing good listening skills, by listening sounds indoor and outside.

In **Maths** this half term the Explorers are learning about shape, space and measures, learning to select shapes for the available space; Recognising when objects are the same shape; Sorting boxes and containers; Learning positional language through songs like The Hokey Cokey.

Investigators are learning about subitising, more and less with numbers 0-5 moving to 6-9; composition of numbers; what do you see/ how do you see it?

On Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> of January Investigators and Explorers are taking part in RSPB bird watching activities.



We are making bird feeders to hang up in your garden or outdoor area. We are also making some for the nursery garden. We will observe birds that come to our nursery garden.

All the children can also take part in the **Big Garden Birdwatch 24-26<sup>th</sup> of January** at home. Children will be bringing a bird spotter sheet home with them to fill in over the weekend. You could make some binoculars or telescopes at home using paper rolls to help with looking for birds in your garden or at the local park.

You can find out more and how to take part by visiting [The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds \(RSPB\)](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of January we are celebrating Chinese New Year. If you have any Chinese artefacts for us to look at, please bring them along to show us.



We will look after them and return them to you end of the week.

OUTDOOR  
CLASSROOM

We want our children to spend as much time in our outdoor area as possible, rain, shine, wind or snow.

**Please ensure children have sensible clothing for the weather; coats, hats, gloves, scarves or suncream.**

### P.E Days

Our P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please come to school in P.E kit on these days.  
Wear trainers and any earrings to be taken out.

### How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to:

- Say please and thank you
- 'Have a go'
- 'Make a good choice'
- Practice putting their coat on themselves and zipping it up
- Get dressed by themselves
- Use the toilet on their own
- Share toys when playing
- Talk about how they are feeling and if they need help, talking to the adults around them for help
- Have a go at reading their reading book at home
- Practise writing their name
- Learning how to hold and use cutlery to cut food into smaller pieces or to push food onto forks using their knife.