

Nursery - Spring 1

This half term we are learning about changes in nature in winter and about Chinese New Year to develop our understanding of how other cultures and communities celebrate important events.

Winter		Chinese New Year		
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Key Words				
hibernate	Why do some animals hibernate?	culture	How do you celebrate your culture?	
shiver	What makes you shiver?	race	Why did the animals race?	
Key Experiences				
We will experiment with freezing and melting to understand the changes in nature in winter. We will also look for signs of life in the garden in the cold.		We will celebrate Chinese New Year together with a great colourful party!		

Communication & Language We will listen to longer stories and try to remember what happens in greater details, using past and future tenses when retelling them. Share a book with your child every day and encourage them to talk about the pictures and the story.	MathsWe will consolidate our number skillsto 5 and explore more complex 2Dshapes, learning to speak like amathematician.Use real life opportunities such assetting the dinner table or having adolls' tea party to point outquantities and explore numbers.	Communication & Language We will continue to develop our speaking skills when discussing ideas with our partner on the carpet and answering questions about our learning. Check our home learning website for the new words each week to reinforce.
Physical DevelopmentWe will play ball games and practiseskills such as cutting with scissorsand modelling to strengthen themuscles in our hands.Make playdough together at homeregularly, it's great fun and goodexercise for tiny hands.	Nursery Spring 1	Personal, Social & Emotional Development We will learn to negotiate conflicts and talk about what it means to be a good friend. Talk to your child about your own friends and what you do if you have a disagreement.
Understanding the World We will observe nature in winter and describe the changes. We will continue to celebrate various festivals to help us understanding different cultures. Take a nature walk and talk about what you can see, feel and hear in winter.	Literacy We will use simple shapes, such as circles, ovals and triangles to develop our drawing skills further using step by step instructions. Draw alongside your child when they are mark-making to build their confidence with drawing.	Expressive Art & Design We will explore traditional Dragon dances and act out real-life situations in our role play area. Re-use recycled materials to encourage your child to be creative and make their own toys, such as cars and robots.