

## Working together to support learning.

We are now into our second term of the year and continue to work hard to build and develop a range of skills. In the Foundation Stage we take a holistic approach which means getting a full picture of your child. Parents are key in providing us with information and home school link books are a great resource in doing this. Over the next term we will be sending home additional pages in them for you to fill in. We would like you to write your views and observations about what your child does and is capable of at home. This information will then be added to your child's records. If you would like to discuss anything then please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

## Reception Spring Term 2016 Newsletter

### . Themes for the spring term

Traditional Tales  
Chinese New Year  
Keeping Healthy  
Easter



## Festivals

### Chinese New Year and Easter

This term includes celebrations such as the Chinese New Year and Easter. We will look at how these are celebrated and what they really mean through a variety of books and video clips. Dance will play a part in understanding Chinese New Year and will be used as a way of developing expression via this media.

### Keeping Healthy

We will look at what we need to stay healthy in body and mind. We will look at foods and the importance of making good choices and visit a local supermarket to see all that is on offer. In P. E. we will explore the effects of exercise on the body and the need for keeping organs inside our body working well. In staying healthy we will be encouraging children to drink from their water bottles more frequently and the emphasising the importance of sleeping well at night.

### Traditional Stories

We will be looking closely at how traditional stories are formed and work with the different types of writing within them. We will develop our retelling of these stories through role play and use them as a base for other areas of the curriculum. Maths will be included in these stories as we cover size and positional language.

### Reading

Children will continue to bring home reading books to enjoy with you at home. Please record each time you have read with your child so we know and can change the books.

Alongside this words will be sent home for children to learn. This will support their reading as they gain confidence and fluency.

### Science

We will be exploring ice using the weather to support this and cooking to observe the effects of heat on ingredients.

## General Information

### P.E. day

Wednesday

### Library books

The children will visit the library every Thursday. Please ensure their books are in school to change every Thursday morning.

**Book Bags:** Please make sure your child brings their book bag and reading books in daily.

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure your child has a named transparent water bottle in class every day.

**Thank you for your support.**