



It was wonderful for the children to experience real snow this term. For some it had been their first experience.



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## Chinese New Year



This year, Chinese New Year – The Year of the Rooster – begins on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan and lasts until Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. The festivities usually start the day before the New Year and continue until the lantern Festival on the 15<sup>th</sup> day. We have been looking at books and talking about the celebrations. The children have decided to make two dragons and will be working together to recreate a dragon dance parade in the garden, making spring rolls and talking about New Year celebrations around the world.



## RSPB: Big School Birdwatch

The children have really enjoyed watching the birds and learning their names. We have made bird cakes and talked about what birds like to eat and why we need to feed them when it's cold.

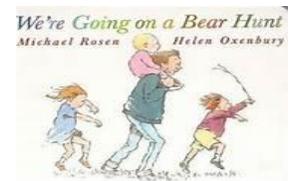
## World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting the children to bring their favourite books to share all week and come to preschool dressed as their favourite storybook character on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> (No superheroes please). We would love parents to join us and read their favourite stories too. It would be great for the children to share in a love of books and stories with others and even hear stories read in different languages. Please speak to Claire or Vicky to arrange a time for your visit.

## Sainsbury Tokens

Great news! Active Kids vouchers are back in store – please support us and donate your tokens to us. Thank you.

## Stories of the Month



The children are really enjoying reading along and joining in with the words and actions from stories. We will be reading and acting out the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. We will also be using the format of the story to support lots of different type of hunts in the pre-school, for example shape and number hunts.



The children enjoyed acting out the story in our sensory Bear Hunt play tray.

## Rhyme of the Month

Mix a pancake

Stir a pancake

Pop it in the pan

Fry a pancake

Toss the pancake

Catch it if you can

## This Month - Outdoor Clothing

As the weather gets colder and wetter please could you ensure your child comes to pre-school with a warm waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots. This ensures the children can still have lots of fun outside while keeping dry and warm. As always please ensure that these items are clearly named. Thank you

## Half Term

Our last day of term will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We have one week off and return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Happy Valentine's Day on the  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

## Parent Partnership

Thank you to those parents who have sent photographs, art work and wow sheets in since Christmas. They are really useful when encouraging children to share their experiences from home and valued by your child's key person. You will find WOW sheets on the notice board in the hallway and we would love it if every parent could share an achievement with us this month.

**Look out for** – Next month we will be holding an open key person session and inviting parents & carers in to meet with their child's key person.



## Government Funding :

Check out our website for more information on **30 hrs funding** – coming in September 2017

## Talking to children

**How you can help** – Helping your child to develop good listening skills is just as important as talking

**Why?** Being able to listen to one sound or voice among other background noises is a skill young children have to learn.

### So try to

Stop and listen when you are out and about will help your child to develop good listening skills

Listen to the birds or a passing airplane

Ask what they can hear.

## Pancake Recipe

### INGREDIENTS

- 110g/4oz Plain flour,
- Pinch of salt,
- 2 eggs,
- 275ml/ 10fl oz Milk (or milk/water mix),
- 50g/2oz Butter.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix the ingredients together .
2. Melt some butter or heat some oil in a frying pan.
3. Pour in two tablespoons of the pancake batter.
4. Spread the ingredients around the pan evenly and cook, once cooked flip and cook the other side.

Serve with any topping you like; lemon, orange juice and sugar, or fruit, ice cream and chocolate sauce, etc.

## Pancake Day – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pancake day, also called Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras (which is French for 'Fat Tuesday'), is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It is named due to the tradition of eating pancakes on that day. We will be making pancakes and holding a race in the garden that day



