

# Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This week we had a visit by a member of the Liverpool Early Years Quality Team. Her role is to work closely with leaders to ensure that we are kept up to date with all aspects of Early Years practice, as research shows that quality provision in these early years is crucial to securing children's outcomes and close gaps caused by disadvantage.

The visit was very positive and the children once again "shone". The comments that were made concerning the children's engagement and general attitude to learning and to each other made us very proud. This was also true when the Maths Lead, Miss Nurse visited Nursery to monitor the maths learning. She was really pleased at the amount of maths vocabulary the children were using whilst "playing" and how enthusiastic they were when talking about what they had been learning. A big well done!

Our new, younger children continue to settle in well with the support of the older children. Turn taking is very much a focus as you can imagine. Our 3-minute sand timer is the most used item within the Nursery at the moment as the children are increasingly aware this is the fairest way of taking turns. We had a new puppy dog with a lead as an addition to our "house role play" this week which proved very popular. This led to the idea of creating a list of children who were waiting for a turn! One of our older children who was with us last year in Nursery took charge of this. A good opportunity for reasons for mark making/writing! Our Big Book focus this week was "This is the Bear and the Picnic Lunch" by Sarah Hayes. It can be found on YouTube if you would like to listen to it with your child. As last week, this book gave the opportunity of spotting rhyming words within the story. This is a big focus at the moment as it is something children find difficult so we do revisit this regularly.

Chinese New Year is celebrated this week. The children found out that 2022 is the Year of the Tiger and we also looked at how this special time is celebrated. One of our staff in school who celebrates the Chinese New Year visited all of the classrooms to wish everyone "Gong Hei Fat Choi", a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Tiger.

Many thanks to all who have returned the form given out on Monday with regards to **Early Years Funding**. We do have most of them back now but are just waiting for the last few. If you do need any help in completing the form, myself or Annette in the school office are more than happy after school (this week) to meet with you to fill it in. A reminder this will enable the school to be able to claim extra money which can be used for extra staff, resources or training, whatever we feel as a staff will impact on children's attainment. It could also be used to provide trips out of school which is something we have all missed doing due to restrictions and which really impacts children's general wellbeing. We do need the forms back by Friday at the latest.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs Riley

