

FOUNDATION CLASS AREAS OF LEARNING

Theme Nursery Rhymes and Winter

TODAY WE WILL BE CELEBRATING AND DEVELOPING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR – THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON. WE WILL HAVE MANY PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES AND STORIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO HELP US DEVELOP OUR LEARNING.

This half-term we will be developing our understanding in all the Areas of Learning through the exploration of Nursery Rhymes. In addition, we will consider all aspects of the season of winter. If you have any books or artefacts at home that support these themes, and that your daughter may share with the class, do please send them into school with her.

We are continuing to look at various characters from Nursery Rhymes. We will share as many rhymes as we can in class. Perhaps you could share some at home. Does your daughter have a favourite rhyme? Encourage your daughter to tell you which words rhyme. For instance, in '*Incy Wincy Spider*' even the title has two rhyming words. Development of your daughter's understanding of rhyme will aid her general literacy development.

We will continue to revise our recognition of numerals 1 to 9, and beyond, as well as ordering them and finding everyday objects that correspond with a given number. This week we will also be looking at the concept of addition and exploring it through a variety of practical activities. We will use language such as – 'plus, add, more, 1 more'. Please ensure that you use the word greater rather than bigger when referring to numbers with your daughter. When using addition, and subtraction, we are referring to quantity. Bigger describes size.

We will continue to find out if we can remember how to use the digital camera, CD player and Storyphones. This week we will also continue to find out how to use a computer mouse to click and drag objects.

This week our focus letter is 'u'.

Please would your daughter bring in any small item from home that begins with this sound so that we can discuss and share it together in class.

The letter focus for the week beginning 30 January will be 'b'.

VLE: Please ensure that you are able to access the VLE platform, which contains activities relating to this term's theme that you may wish to share with your daughter.

NB: Please ensure that your daughter has a winter school regulation hat, gloves and scarf.

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