

## Nursery News

We've enjoyed another wonderfully busy half term, filled with learning, exploration, and fun. The children have embraced new topics such as Lunar New Year, taken part in a range of seasonal activities, and continue to grow in both independence and confidence.

For our older children in Oak Tree Class, you will find out which **primary school** your child has been allocated in April - please don't forget to share with us so we can start to plan transition days.



### THE NEST

This month, linking in with the topic of Valentine's Day, the children have been exploring the colour red and different textures through sensory activities.

We've also been enjoying lots of hands on activities, such as pizza making!

We continue to go on trips around the local area, where we're learning new vocabulary and experiencing different sounds and environments, as well as learning to tolerate others near us in our space.

Another lovely, fun half term!



### OAK TREE CLASS

The children have had another busy half term! We've continued enjoying our P.E session, where we've been learning all about balance! We also started Forest School sessions where we explored the area, identifying insects that live in our Forest School, as well as plants and fungus!

We took our first trip of the year to Woolton Acre Retirement Home, where we reintroduced ourselves to the residents, sharing drawing activities as well as juice and biscuits.

Our year 5 Reading Buddies from St Hugh's Primary School have been coming to visit us every Thursday. It's been exciting getting to know these older children and they have been so kind - sharing stories and reading to us.

We started our NELI language group and have been enjoying learning new vocabulary or 'Special Words' linked to books including Wake Up Tiger and Neon Leon.

Other language groups are focusing on games and activities that introduce new vocabulary and extend listening skills - so that we are all ready to start big school well in September!

During maths time we have been learning about the number 3 and exploring pattern.



## LITTLE ACORNS CLASS

This half term in Little Acorns we have been developing our early maths skills by exploring colours! The children have enjoyed matching, sorting, and mixing colours to see what new ones they can create.

We've introduced a smoother routine this term, with regular maths, pre-phonics, and physical sessions. The children especially enjoy our "sticks" pre-phonics activity (see photo below!) which supports rhythm, listening, and early sound awareness.

Our physical sessions include dancing and moving our bodies, an excellent way to help children focus before a quieter activity.

As Lunar New Year falls over half term, we celebrated early with a lively dragon dance workshop and got to dance with colourful Chinese umbrellas, which the children loved.

Two-year-old reports for children who joined us last term will be appearing on Tapestry soon. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's Key Person.



## IMPORTANT INFO

Nursery Closed for Half Term:  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Family Stay & Play Sessions: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery closed for Spring Break: 27<sup>th</sup> March - 14<sup>h</sup> April

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