



Nursery News



In January, we enjoyed:

- Settling back to nursery after the exciting Christmas break and sharing news about the holiday with our friends at circle times.
- Taking part in the RSPB's Big Bird Watch! We have been making binoculars, bird spotting in the garden, listening to different types of bird songs, making bird feeders/bird cake, creating observational drawings of birds and retelling the story 'Owl Babies'. We even saw some birds having their breakfast through the webcam on the computer **The children have really enjoyed this topic!**
- This month we celebrated Chinese New Year (the year of the Rat) The children loved cooking in the Chinese restaurant role play. They had the opportunity develop their fine motor skills using chop sticks. The Ladybirds favourite activity was creating a dragon and taking part in a dragon dance festival.

In February, we will be exploring Valentine's day, Science week and Traditional Tales.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 14th February is **Valentines day!**
- **Pancake day:** Tuesday 25th February
- We will be hosting a special **Mother's Day tea party** on the afternoon of **Thursday 28th March** 2.30-3.30pm. All mums and nans are welcome! (more information to follow)
- **St. Patricks Day** is on Tuesday 17th March
- **World Book Day** is on Thursday 5th March 2019. To celebrate we will be having '**bedtime stories**' day. Children can come to nursery dressed in their pyjama's (normal shoes no slippers please). They can also bring in their favourite bed time story to share with their friends. (Please label your child's book) ***If your child does not attend nursery on Thursday, they are welcome to bring in their favourite story and wear their pyjama's on a day they attend nursery that week.***



The children took their knowledge from the bird books into the garden as they explored a variety of birds.



The children enjoyed making bird cakes for the birds to eat.



The children enjoyed being involved in the Chinese New Year celebrations.



Please remember...

- It is **very** important to sign your child in and out of the nursery each time they are in nursery.
- If your child is absent for the day/or they will be coming into nursery later than usual, please ensure that you email/telephone us by **10am** to inform us.

Ideas to help at home

- **FREE February half term ideas**- get active/musical/creative at the Southbank centre in London! For the **Imagine Children's festival!** They even have a Giant chalkboard! <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/133372-rig-play-zone-2019> <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/132262-friday-lunch-excellent-songs-children-2019>
- Celebrate international pancake day by making some yummy pancakes! <https://www.annabel-langbein.com/recipes/pancakes-with-banana/33/>