## **Newsletter** – February 2025

## Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to say a very big welcome to Martha who has joined our Discovery Room, we hope she has lots of fun taking part in the exciting activities and making lots of new friends.



**Winter reflection**- The children have had great fun the past month exploring the cold weather. We designed our own wooly hats and gloves and explored animals that live in cold places. Creative room made their play into a science experiment, leaving a tray of polar bears and water outside over-night, the next morning the children went out to discover that the water had frozen, and the polar bears were stuck!

**Theme of the month-** In February we are going to continue exploring the weather, watching as the weather changes and the first signs of spring. Towards the end of the month, we will be moving on to our favourite stories, songs and rhymes just in time for World Book Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.



World Book Week -. We will be celebrating this from the 3rd of

March for the full week with dressing up and bringing in our favourite stories. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters. Please do take a look in the front lobby at the books you can exchange your free vouchers for at your local bookshop.



**Chinese New Year-** It's the year of the snake! The children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, which was on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. We wrote our names in Chinese, enjoyed a delicious Chinese dinner and dressed up as Chinese dragons! Creative room particularly enjoyed learning about the different animal years, and what animal it was the year they were born.





Valentines – We will all be making valentines cards and making lots of beautiful craft items. If your child attends on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, please do send them in red or hearts.





Dinosaur Week — The children had a great time exploring dinosaurs! Creative and Explorers followed a Dino texture trail, having sand, water and grass underfoot, describing them with lots of new and exciting words. We have also baked lots this week including dinosaur shaped biscuits and prehistoric dinosaur head cakes. Discovery Room have explored textures also using lots of different

craft items, sponge painting, collaging and playing in the sand and water too.

**Employee of the month-** Our practitioner of the month for February is Carly. She has worked extremely well to support Demi in the Discovery Room, now having her own key children in the room. She is always happy and smiling and has great relationships with all the children. She has done some fantastic work on her Level 3 Apprenticeship and other training courses.

**<u>Staff training-</u>** The ladies have all been busy taking part in lots of exciting training courses:

- Abbie has attended courses on Safeguarding and 'Getting it right with children with repetitive behaviours'.
- Demi and Carly have both completed a course about infant Wellbeing.
- Ruth has been learning about how to support children with EAL as well as making good progress with her Level 5.
- Georgia has been attending webinars for her Math Champions course and introducing lots of exciting activities to all the rooms.



Please do keep those posts coming in on Tapestry as it allows us to keep your child's learning journeys up to date. We can also get to see your children using their home packs. We will be keeping you regularly up to date with things that are happening.

If your child has borrowed any books from our library, please do ensure that they are returned so that other children can enjoy them.

## Dates for your diary:

- Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February- Half Term week- No funded children
  - 25<sup>th</sup> February- Alpaca Trip
  - 1<sup>st</sup> March- St Davids Day
  - Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March- World Book Week
    - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

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