

Nursery Newsletter

30th January 2026

Dear parents/carers,

This week we...

- Continued learning about **dinosaurs**, focusing on what they eat (carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores).
- Shared ideas about why dinosaurs became extinct, including a child's theory that the planet went dark, plants could not grow, and dinosaurs had no food.
- Role-played as palaeontologists, carefully uncovering dinosaur bones using brushes in a sensory oat tray.
- Practised caring for dinosaurs by washing and looking after them.
- Created dinosaur footprints by dipping dinosaurs in paint and exploring different marks.
- Made their own dinosaur representations using 2D shapes.
- Developed quantity counting skills by matching numbers on eggs to the correct number of dinosaurs.
- Read *Harry and the Dinosaurs Say Raahh!* by Ian Whybrow and discussed imagination, bravery, and feeling confident in new situations.

Next week we will be...

- Next week we will begin learning about the celebration of **Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year)**.
- The children will explore key facts about the celebration, including who celebrates it, where it is celebrated, and how it is celebrated.
- We will role-play being customers and waiters in a Chinese restaurant, developing language, social skills, and imaginative play.
- The children will be challenged to copy pre-writing marks such as spirals and zig-zag lines using a sensory tray.
- They will practise fine motor skills by cutting "noodles."
- The children will create a Chinese fan using a range of materials.
- We will practise counting skills by counting golden coins.
- The children will listen to and learn about the story of the Chinese Zodiac, *The Great Race*, which explains how the 12 animals were chosen.

Any other business

- Please ensure your child has two full sets of spare clothes in their bag at all times (t-shirt, underwear, trousers, and socks).
- As you know, we regularly use flour, grains, pasta, and similar materials for sensory play and playdough. If you have any unopened or out-of-date items you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could donate them.
- In the colder weather, please make sure your child comes to nursery with a hat and gloves.
- Tapestry observations will continue from next week.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Marina and Belinda 😊