



Seaton House School

Early Years Information Sheet

For the week ending: Friday 24th January 2020

Nursery

What we have planned:

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We will use the IWB to find out information about the celebration as well as looking at information books. We are also looking forward to Anmei's Mummy coming in to tell us all about this celebration. We will be retelling the Chinese New Year story and will be using this to encourage our own races outside. The children will be exploring a variety of fine motor tools such as tongs, tweezers and chop sticks and using these to pick up small items and use them to fill containers. The children will also be developing their cutting skills through making their own lanterns. We will continue to develop our writing area next week which will encourage the children to develop their mark making and writing skills. We are looking forward to setting up a Chinese Restaurant next week and the children will be taking orders, cooking meals with dried pasta and serving customers. We will also be supporting the children to develop their imaginative play and encouraging them to involve others in their play. The younger children will continue to be supported in their play as well as continuing with sensory activities, language group, big book story focus, maths carpet time, music, early phonics and PSED. The older children continue to enjoy being set challenges alongside their adult led activity and support during their play. One of their challenges will be to make their own dragons! All children will be making bird feeders in their nature garden session and will be making spring rolls in their cooking session.

Reception

What we have planned:

Next week as part of our story focus we will be talking about what we like to have in our sandwiches. The girls will conduct a short survey and create a simple bar chart to show the results. We will be making sandwiches and the girls will also write instructions to help the Lighthouse Keeper make his own sandwiches.

In maths we have been talking about halving numbers and sets, the girls also enjoyed a Number Jacks episode which focused on doubling and halving. Next week we will be looking at half of shapes, creating the other half of a picture and halving sets of objects. We will also reinforce half past in time.

Our topic work next week will focus on the celebration of Chinese New Year. We will be finding out how people celebrate Chinese New Year, making spring rolls and Chinese lanterns and dragon puppets and reading the story that explains how the years were named as animals. In PSED over the last few weeks we have been talking about what we can do now that we could not do when we were a baby, what we have found tricky, what we are good at and how if at first you do not succeed you must keep trying. The girls certainly used some of these skills when we had our Lego workshop this week and they tried different approaches and ideas and kept going until they created their own house!



Happy Birthday in January to:
Nursery: Nivaan, Alicia, Olivia
Reception: Imaani 9th, Ashaiya 22nd
and Vicky 27th

Diary dates:

25th Jan: Chinese New Year (the year of the Rat. We will celebrate this the following week)

11th Feb: Junk percussion workshop (Nursery and Reception)

Nursery and Reception parent meetings will be during the week beginning 2nd March, an email with times and dates will be sent out just before half term.

12th Feb: Poetry recital (Reception only) we will join the main school to share our class poem in the afternoon.

After half term we will be having caterpillars in Reception and ducklings!



We also have a drama workshop booked on 26th March and a trip to Morden Hall Park to hunt minibeasts on 31st March.

Information:

Please email the office if your child will be attending the After School Care. If you use it regularly you can let them know the days your child will be attending. Alternatively, if you use ASC occasionally please email on the day. It is also helpful if you can let a member of staff in the Early Years know. Thank you.

Reception:

During the week beginning 10th Feb the girls will be taking part in a group challenge to make a new basket for the Lighthouse Keeper to carry his lunch. The challenge involves lots of tape and newspaper. Please send in any newspapers you have at home so we can collect them ready for our challenge. Thank you

Junk percussion workshop on 11th June: We will follow this up in the classroom by making lots of junk models so please send in any small boxes, kitchen roll tubes (no toilet rolls), sweet wrappers, milk bottle lids etc. Thank you

Poetry recital on 12th June: Parents are invited to watch the recital. As Reception are only performing a class poem we will go first and parents can then leave if they need to.