



Nina's Nursery News Letter

January –February

We would like to welcome everybody back after Christmas. We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year! All the staff here at Nina's Nursery are very excited to meet all of our new boys and girls and are looking forward to building lots of new relationships with the children and parents too. Here at Nina's Nursery we provide the best childcare experience for your children in a safe and welcoming environment.

For the New Year we have lots of new and exciting things happening around nursery we have had a few staff changes, we would like to reassure all parents that there will be a familiar face in and around nursery at all times to support the new staff members and children. The staff team in each room are as follows...

Baby room- Remi, Amara & Lucy

Toddler room- Paige, Jade & Michelle

Pre-School- Leanne, Leanne Norris, Jessica, Megan and Katie and Beth we also have Sophie who is on maternity leave.

All staff pictures have been updated in the entrance with name tags attached for you to familiarise yourselves with.

Babies

Communication and Language- Babies in the upcoming months will be starting to learn the song 'Incey wincey Spider' to go with our new display board. We will be encouraging the babies to use the actions with the song and for the smaller babies recognising a familiar rhyme also moving their bodies to sounds they enjoy.

Personal, social and emotional development- Babies are going to be enjoying lots of small group times with the instruments, stories and naming games to help the babies start to interact with each other and also start learning to find our eyes, nose and mouth.

Physical development- Lots of our babies are beginning to take their first steps or getting very close. We will be encouraging this with the use of the jumperoo, walkers and the activity table. The smaller babies have lots of new sensory toys to start reaching for whilst having tummy time to enhance those muscles in the shoulders and back which are important for when they start to sit up unsupported.

Understanding the world- As we will soon be celebrating Chinese New Year, we will be having lots of fun in babies creating funny monkey masks. Babies will also be doing some food tasting; we will be trying a variety of different fruits and also some Chinese foods. Babies are also going to be creating an exciting new board 'People all around the world'.

Remi, Amara & Lucy x

Toddlers

Communication and Language- Toddlers will be reading the book 'Dear Zoo' they have been talking lots about animals and their sounds and prints.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development -Toddlers have been talking about the importance of brushing their teeth and have been practising this at nursery.

Maths- Toddlers have created a new 'Colour of the week' board, this will be updated every week with a new colour and the children will be encouraged to find things this colour and talk about it at group time.

Understanding the world- On Tuesdays toddlers have Spanish with Silvy, we have been encouraging all the children to learn Spanish even if they don't participate on a Tuesday, the children have been learning numbers, colours and animals in Spanish and will be creating a Spanish area in the upper level of the sensory room where the children can read our Spanish books, sing the Spanish songs and have small group opportunities to develop their language skills in Spanish.

Paige, Jade & Michelle x

Pre School

Personal, Social and emotional development- Pre-School are going to be talking about our feelings and sharing with our friends, we will be encouraging good manners and being kind for valentines day/ friendship day.

Communication and Language- We are continuing to learn our Spanish numbers and animals.

Physical Development- We are going to be exploring our bodies through dance and movement, working on our balancing skills in the outside area on the balance beam and working on our co-ordination.

Understanding the world- We are currently writing our Chinese new year symbols for new year and learning animal sounds with our small world farm.

Mathematics- We are learning our shapes and practising drawing shapes and also learning our numbers to 10 and beyond.

Literacy- We are continuing to concentrate on our phonics and encouraging the children to do plenty of mark making, writing our names and working on the 'letter of the month'.

Leanne, Leanne.N, Jessica, Katie, Megan and Beth x

Little bits and bobs from us...

Pre-School staff have asked that children be encouraged to leave toys that are not comforters at home as it is becoming very difficult in the evening to find them as they are not always in the

comforters box. In light of this pre-school will be having show and tell once a week so that children can share special toys or achievements in circle time.

We have now added a vegetarian option to our menu for those children with dietary requirements and cultural food preferences, these have been printed and are up in the entrance to see. Daily sheets have also been updated to smaller more colourful version, the menu is not printed on them but please free to ask for a copy of the menus to be emailed or printed.

If you wish to receive newsletters, memos and/or invoices via email please provide Nia with your email address or email ninasnurserydavenport@hotmail.com.

Key dates to remember:

8th Feb Chinese new year- Monkey

9th Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day

12th - 21th Winter Olympics

15th Valentines Day/Friendship Day

Week beginning the 15th – NEG Holidays

Exciting new news!!!

We would like to congratulate Remi on her promotion to deputy manager of the nursery. She will be working alongside Nia but will still be working on the floor daily.

We are very proud to announce that we have now opened our 4th setting in Cale Green from January 2016.

Please feel free to ask any questions.

Thank you,

Nia and Remi