



Nina's Nursery News Letter

January – February 2016

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. We would like to say a huge welcome to all our new starters at Nina's, we hope you have a fantastic experience here with us all, and welcome some of you back to a new term with us.

Babies

Understanding the world /Expressive arts and design – Chinese New Year is coming up, as it is the year of the monkey, Babies will be getting creative and making monkey masks to take home.

For Pancake Day we will be getting some help from the adults to decorate pancakes using different fruits. We will then be eating these yummy treats for our snack.

Physical development – We will be getting wrapped up warm and out on winter walks, as much as we can to see what we can see.

Communication and language – The new song we will be working on is 'open, shut them. This is to encourage babies to begin joining in with action songs and also help to learn more hand gestures.

Steph and Megan x

Toddlers

Communication and Language – The children and adults have made story stacks to which we will be introducing into teacher time. These are the three little pigs and the hungry caterpillar. These are all made from natural resources and we can't wait to begin using these.

Literacy – In teacher time toddlers are going to continue working on learning our phonics letters and beginning to learn what the phonics letter is for our names.

We are also going to be using lots of different activities to help recognise colours and shapes.

Expressive arts and design – To begin the year we are going to be getting very creative and creating our own sensory pictures. We will be using lots of different materials, i.e. sand, glitter, paint etc. and also using bubble wrap to paint and print onto our pictures

Physical Development – As the winter Olympics is coming up we will be using outside time to do lots of mini Olympic activities i.e. running races, jumping, hopping etc.

We will also create medals for our very own mini Olympics.

Amanda and Laura x

Pre School

Physical development - To start the New Year we will be working on our fine motor skills, we will be doing lots of different activities to help build on our skills. For Chinese New Year we will be getting out the chopsticks and the noodles to help these skills.

We will also be getting active outside and creating our own mini winter Olympics.

Understanding the world / Personal, social and Emotional – In teacher time we will begin back with talking about our Christmas holidays and all our special memories we made with our friends and families.

As Friendship day is coming up we are going to be talking a lot about being nice to our friends and saying nice things to each to make people happy.

Literacy – In Literacy we are going to continue learning our phonics letters and sounds. We will be doing various activities to help us learn this including our sound of the week which we talk about each day in teacher time.

Mathematics – to help us learn our shapes we will make shape collages using lots of different materials of shapes. We will also be using number sponges with paint to create number pictures and for our older old beginning to make their own number lines.

Charlotte and Beth x

Little bits and bobs from us...

As you may be aware we have a new nursery opening in Cale Green. Due to this opening there are going to be a few changes over the next few months. Jen is going to be helping out at Cale Green and helping them set up. As this is happening Lauren is going to be stepping up as acting manager as well as Charlotte stepping up to third in charge. Jen is still going to be working closely alongside Lauren as well as Claire our general manager therefore will still be available to speak to.

If you are not already enrolled onto the system please see Jen or Lauren and we can get you enrolled on as soon as possible.

Can we please remind parents that unless an early bird session has been booked nursery opens at 8am and we close promptly at 6pm.

Please can we ask parents to send their children in with weather appropriate clothing e.g. jackets and when needed wellies!

Key dates to remember:

8th Feb - Chinese New Year

9th – Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday

12th – 21st Winter Olympics

15th – Valentines/ Friendship Day

Jen and Lauren x