Dear Families,

Another week completed! The days are slowly getting longer but there is definitely still a chill in the air! Please could you make sure that your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves to Nursery ready to enjoy play whatever the weather.

Our afternoon children were particularly glad of their coats as we explored the school grounds this week. They were very interested in the 'naked' trees! We had lots of fun drawing around each other to create trees of our own. There were certainly some unusual fruits growing on our trees, including tigers and Mrs Blackshaws!

Our Talk for Writing session has seen us working to innovate a phrase on our 'Each Peach Pear Plum' text. We have enjoyed an 'odd one out' rhyming activity each morning to help us recognise a rhyming pair, before using our knowledge to make a change to our story map. As you may have seen on Tapestry, the children did an excellent job and their retelling looks fabulous.

In Maths, we continue to develop our understanding of numbers as we counted out dragon's treasure and thought about who had the most. Talking of dragons, we have also been working together to make some fabulous Chinese dragons complete with shiny scales and horns. As a result, we have explored lots of shapes and different materials. Next week, we will be sharing a recording of our dragon dance in celebration of Chinese New Year this weekend.

We are running a little short on our stock of spare clothes in Nursery at present. We would be so grateful if you have any unwanted spares at home that you would be willing to donate. We are particularly short of girls clothing. Could we also please ask that any nursery clothes that your child may be sent home in are returned as soon as you can? Ideally, if you could ensure that your child always has a set of spare clothes in their bag that would be perfect!

We have had a couple of instances recently with children bringing toys in from home which they then use in their play in Nursery. This can unfortunately lead to upset should they get lost amongst our resources. Of course, it can also be difficult for other children to understand that these items are not for everyone to play with like the rest of the toys in Nursery. While we understand that our children sometimes need that special toy to comfort and help their transition into Nursery, we ask that you please limit any other toys coming in from home. Unfortunately, we can not accept any responsibility for lost or broken toys from home that are brought in.

On the subject of parking, Mrs Dennis has emailed our Parking Agreement out to all parents today. If you could take a moment to refresh yourselves with it and ensure that you or any person collecting your child adheres to it, that would be great. Many thanks.

A very warm Little Harriers welcome to Madeleine who has joined us in the afternoons this week. Madeleine is already making friends and getting to know the Nursery well. We are all looking forward to getting to know you better, Madeleine. ③

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Finally, Birdie is ready to take flight again! After careful consideration, he has decided that he would love to visit Lij for the weekend. Lij has shown lots of responsible behaviour, particularly in PE as an excellent leader in our team games. Lij always listens carefully, follows the rules and shows a great attitude to learning. Well done, Lij!

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 😳

Home learning: This week, the children have been exploring rhyming words. Can they find any examples of a rhyming pair at home or on their travels this weekend? Maybe they will find a cat on the mat or a frog on a log! Please share with us via Tapestry if you can. ③ Thank you!



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