

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic half term in Reception and have been very busy with our learning. The children have worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed exploring lots of new activities.

One of the highlights of the half term has been our new mud kitchen, which the children have absolutely loved. It has been wonderful to see them developing their creativity, teamwork and imagination through outdoor play.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February for more fun and learning in Spring 2.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

The Reception Team:

Mrs Hardy, Mrs Ooi, Miss Ahmad and Miss Montgomery

In Maths, we have been learning about mass and comparing different objects through lots of fun, hands-on activities. We have also been practising recognising how many objects are in a group without counting. The children have enjoyed using maths in their play, both in the classroom and outdoors.

In Literacy, the children have enjoyed our learning focused on 'The Naughty Bus' book and 'Skunka Tanka' book. They loved following the adventures of the bus and had lots of fun tapping along to the rhythm and of the Skunka Tanka beat! These stories have really captured the children's interest and enthusiasm for reading.

For our Understanding the World topics, the children have loved exploring role-play, including the vets, post office and doctors. They have engaged really well with our topic People Who Help Us and particularly enjoyed meeting the fire brigade and learning about the important job they do. The children also loved going on our seasons walk, where they explored the beautiful features of winter. We finished the term by learning about the Lunar New Year and discovering which animal matched the year they were born.



After half term, we will be learning about different types of minibeasts and exploring the habitats where they live. We will also be learning about Ramadan and finding out how and why it is celebrated, helping the children to understand and respect different cultures and traditions.

Reception Wish List and Reminders

- Any craft materials
- Any toys linking to minibeasts
- Please remember to label all clothing
- Please return your child's permission slip for our trip to Barleylands
- Please keep practising phonics sounds and green words at home

Any contributions, no matter how small, are always very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Please pass any contributions on to your child's class teacher.

