



Dear Parents & Carers,

### Teaching and Learning this month

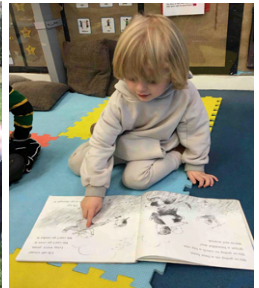
#### January's Books of the Month

Babies	Toddlers	Pre School
We're Going on a Bear Hunt		

What a great start to the New Year! We have been so busy at Nursery learning, communicating and growing every day. We have had some new families and children join us and it has been lovely meeting you all. A quick update that last week Friday, we had an amazing visit from Headteachers from Local and other Newham schools and our Early Years Advisor and Send Lead from the Borough. We had such great feedback about our provision and the excellence we drive at our Nursery. Some of the feedback includes.. **"Well done to you and the team, the nursery environment is looking stimulating, well-resourced and the children were engaged in purposeful play both inside and out".** **"The EYFS is buzzing and pupil engagement is at its peak in the school"**. We are extremely proud of our provision and this is reflected in our pricing that is the lowest in the locality. With the new government offers coming in for 2 years olds in April and babies subsequently in September, we are looking to continue this amazing service to our community. Our fees are currently being reflected on by our Governors and Finance leads and we need to ensure that we are able to meet our running costs. More information will follow next month.

A quick update on our learning this month...

We have been reading our book of the month and looking at our environment around us. What do we see? Grass, mud, forest and our pond on the site. We have been singing the story as we explore our environment.



#### February's Books of the Month

Babies	Toddlers	Pre School
Lama Lama I love you	When I am Feeling Kind	Big Book of LOVE

## February Events

### Events this month

#### **Become a Storyteller... - Every Friday**

This month we really want to encourage our young children to read and have story related conversations...

If you have time please pop in on a **Friday morning** to read some stories with the children **from 9am to 10am**. We will have story sacks out for immersive storytelling or if you would like to tell a story in your home language to the children, that will be amazing. Language and oracy is key at this age and stage for all children and building a love for books and storytelling is key to ensuring children have great imaginations. Just let a staff member know if you are able to join us each week.

#### **Chinese New Year Celebrations & Stay & Play 2pm to 3pm - Friday 9th February**

Come and join us as we have a whole day dedicated to Chinese New Year.

We will be cooking noodles, making lanterns and dragons. We will be decorating fans and mark making. There will be counting coins activities, messy play and even a little bit of Mandarin singing with Ms Ming, the EWPS mandarin teacher!



#### **Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 20th February**

As Shrove Tuesday falls in the Half Term Holidays, we have decided to celebrate it once we return. We learn about Lent and the lead up to Easter and why it is an important part of the Christian calendar.

### **COMPETITION TIME!**

As Shrove Tuesday falls in the half term here is a COMPETITION for you!

On Tuesday 13th February, we want you to make a pancake with your adults and make them the best designs! Take a photo of your pancakes and send them in to [childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk](mailto:childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)



***One lucky winner will win some Smyths vouchers!***

## Nursery Diary Dates

February	
9th	Chinese New Year Celebrations & Stay & Play 2pm to 3pm (Parent Event)
9th	Last day (term time/FEE only Children)
12th - 16th	Half Term Holidays (Children on funded or term time only contracts)
19th	Start date (term time/FEE only Children)
20th	Shrove Tuesday celebration

## Keeping Children Safe

### Our Newham Support

Newham are working hard to support those most in need. Our Newham services have seen significant increases in requests for help, particularly from families requesting help with energy bills and basic food.

The rising cost of living is affecting us all, whatever your circumstances, Our Newham Money is here to help and support with your financial wellbeing.

If you need help or advice, it's available from support and advice), **Our Newham Work** or **Employment Rights Hub**.



**Our Newham Money** (financial wellbeing (finding work, apprenticeships and training)

You can also find out more about food including how to refer yourself or someone in need.

support from the **Newham Food Alliance**,

[\(Please click on any of the sections above, in red, for more information.\)](#)



#### **Measles cases are rising. Get vaccinated**

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious. Vaccines are our best line of defence against diseases like measles and can help stop outbreaks within our community.

If you're a parent or carer, please ensure your children are up to date with their two free MMR doses. You can do this by checking their red book or contacting your GP practice. If you're an adult who missed out on the jabs as a child, you can catch up for free at any time by simply contacting your GP.

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the setting on **0207 511 1276** and an appointment will be arranged for you to discuss any questions or concerns with the Room leaders or a member of the Management team. Thank you for taking the time to read over our newsletter. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

Kind Regards,  
Sheleena Laskar  
**(Manager)**