



Gems Nursery Unit Newsletter

Friday 6th March

Mathematical Development

The children have had many opportunities to recognise number digits and counting in different ways such as puzzles, counting at register time and trying to solve problems that involve the language 'one more' and 'one less'. It would be great if you could follow this up at home by asking children to add one etc during your usual routines, such as shopping. Real life experiences are the best!

Welcome

Our new nursery nurse **Emma** is joining the Gems team next week. We look forward to her arrival and hope she feels at home very soon.

Important Notice

Please be aware that we have had some cases of sickness and diarrhoea. If your child is unwell, they must not attend school for 48 hours.

Reminders

* Snack money is £1 a week. Please put into an envelope if possible. Thank you.

*If your child is having a packed lunch please ensure that they have a drink in their lunch box as well as their water bottle. Thank you.

* Even though we've had some warmer days, please ensure your child has a coat. Thank you.

****PLEASE CAN YOU CHECK THE LABELS ON YOUR CHILDS CLOTHING****

Our letter of the week will be:

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Please bring items in that begin with this phoneme

Busy Learning

We have been very busy over the last two weeks since half term break. The first week back the children learnt about Chinese New Year. Our story was The Dragon Dance and some of the children did their own dance with other children playing instruments. We made a lot of noise to chase the bad luck away! We explored the lucky colours, red and gold and we tried on traditional Chinese dress. Over the next few weeks our focus will be 'On the Farm' linking to spring and new life. Our text this week has been 'A Duck in a Truck'. We really enjoyed the book and we were very good at hearing the rhyming words. Some of us could think of other rhyming words, both real and nonsense ones! In Expressive Art and Design we have been exploring the colours associated with spring. We have worked together to start on the construction of our tractor and trailer. Thanks to those who have provided some boxes which we needed.

Next week we will be thinking about growth and change.

Please also take a look at the new school website. Here you will find lots of useful information, including letters and key dates. This newsletter will be added to the Little Gems section with all previous ones.