

## Key information

### School Trips

- A reminder that we have family Fridays every Friday at 8:45-9:30. Please come in and read a story with the children.
  - This half term we are going to visit a grocery shop to buy some fruit to make a fruit salad.
  - Date: Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019
  - Time: To be confirmed
- We plan to invite parents and people from the school community to talk to the children about their culture. Please come and speak to Miss Dias if you are interested.

## Important dates and Celebrations:

### School Dates

- Last day of Spring 1: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
 First day back at school: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
 Last day of Spring 2: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Finish

### Sharing assemblies this term – Tuesdays 9:00am

- 15.01.19 -- Silver Birch Sharing Assembly
- 29.01.19 – Willow Tree Sharing Assembly
- 12.02.19 – Maple Tree Sharing Assembly
- 05.03.19 – Oak Tree Sharing Assembly
- 19.03.19 – Plum Tree Sharing Assembly



**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,  
 We hope you had a joyful Christmas holiday. We have an exciting topic waiting for us ‘A Taste around the World’ where we will have the opportunity to share our experiences. We would like to invite parents to come in and talk about the different countries they are from and how there are similarities and differences. Maybe even teach the children a song or read a story. Remember the children love to see familiar faces in the classroom.

Please come and speak to Miss Dias to arrange this.

Warm wishes,

Christine Dias and Matilde Delgado

## Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on number recognition and number names. We will also continue comparing two groups of objects saying when they have the same amount. We will also be exploring shape by making arrangements with objects.

## Let's Read and Write

Our core text this half term will be 'Handa's Surprise'. We will continue practicing mark making by writing straight lines and random circular marks. We already have much more control on the marks we make but it is very important that your child holds the pencil correctly. Please help us by supporting your child at home. Children will take a book home every week and you will be expected to read this book with your child and sign their reading record. Please purchase a book bag from the school office.

## Religious Education

In RE we will be thinking about special clothes. This will give us the opportunity to consider several world religions – Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam.

## Understanding the World

Our new topic 'A Taste around the World' is rich with opportunities to learn about other cultures and beliefs around the world. We will learn about different religions in the world and we will inspire the children to show an interest in the lives of other people.

## Communication and Understanding

The children's language and communication is developing everyday. We will be encouraging children where possible to use extended sentences. As you know we have been learning Makaton (Sign language) and the children are beginning to use some signs. Please look out for our sign of the week and practice using this with us and your child. We will be introducing a teddy that will go home with a child once a week. This will encourage them to share their experience with their peers.

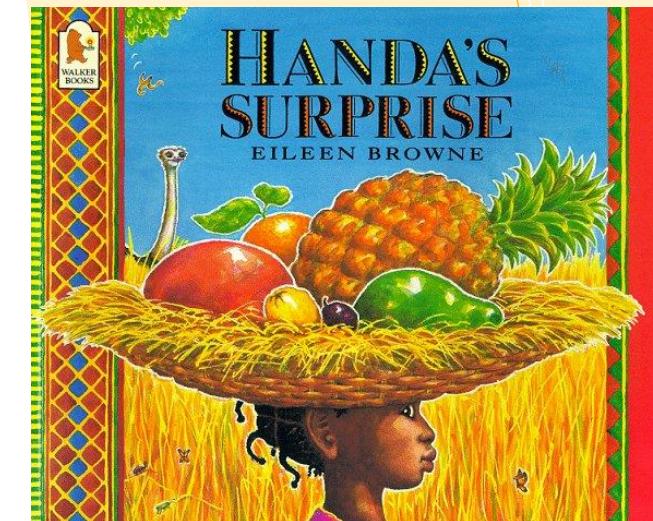
# This half term in Nursery...

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Over the last half term we encouraged the children to express their needs and develop their confidence when talking to adults. Now that their confidence has grown they are ready to start building relationships in class with their peers. We will work on the skills in order to control our emotions and introduce our helper of the day for the children to carry out responsibilities in class.

## Physical Development

Physical development provides the children the opportunity to develop their skills of co-ordination, control, manipulation and movement. This half term we will be practicing our tripod grip when writing. We will keep on developing our fine motor skills for those who need extra support at our fine motor station and plan fun activities to gain control on our gross motor skills.



This is one of our books that we will be reading and exploring this half term.

**Just a reminder...**



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled and that they haven't accidentally taken another child's clothes home.

If you do find you have someone else's clothes, please can you send them back into school the next day to ensure no one has to purchase additional clothes.

Can you please make sure your child brings a reusable water bottle into school (containing water only). Please make sure that it is labelled.

