

## Park Lane Prímary & Nursery School

**Executive Head:** Rob Litten **Deputy Executive Head:** Rachel Bains





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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really pleased with how well the children have settled back into the nursery routine after the holiday. The nursery team would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their families. It is delighful to see how our older children have been busy helping to look after the new children. Our new children have been busy exploring the nursery, both inside and in the garden. We have an exciting half term planned and will share our activities on Seesaw for you to see.

At this time of year we look forward to taking part in the 'Big School's Birdwatch.' Time will be spent looking for birds and recording the different birds we see. We will let you know the most popular bird we find. Prior to this we are going to be setting up a bird feeding station in the Forest Fun area next to nursery. This week we are going to be busy making bird food for the birds to eat. In the Forest Fun area we are also going to set up a 'bird hide' so we can quietly observe the birds, without disturbing them. These activities will involve lots of teamwork by the children and staff.





The children are going to be 'Weather Wizards' and find out about our winter weather. All these activities contribute to a 'Wild Challenge' which is a scheme organised by the RSPB to promote children's involvement with nature. We will let you know how the challenges progress!



Chinese New Year will also be celebrated and this year it is the year of the Rabbit. Let's see what we can find out about Chinese New Year and rabbits. One book we will definitely be reading is 'The Rhyming Rabbit' by Julia Donaldson.



Alongside these activities we really like to 'nurture' the children's own ideas and interests. We find one idea leads to another and we encourage the children to share these ideas with each other. We like to record some of these moments with you through the online learning journal, Seesaw. Using Seesaw we also share observations with you about your child's achievements and next steps. For our new children your Seesaw accounts are being set up. If for any reason you are unable to access your child's journal please do let us know. Also we would really like you to upload photos and messages about what you have been busy doing at home. A QR code will be sent home to enable you to do this. The children love to show these photos to their nursery friends.

Each child has a keyworker and these will be sent out in the next week for our new children. Please do get in touch with us if you are unsure about anything or want to discuss something with us.



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The classrooms are well ventilated throughout the day, so please can you make sure your child has warm clothing with them. Even though it is colder we are continuing to be outside in our nursery garden. It is quite muddy and although the children wear their wellies, they do get muddy as well. Please can you make sure they have a change of clothes in their back packs as well as their wellies.



Please can you make sure everything is named, especially water bottles, hats and mittens.

Thank you, The nursery team lhughes@parklaneprimary.com