



January 2016

Well, what a busy start to 2016 we have had! The children have all been working hard, doing lots of artwork to replace the Christmas and New Year themed boards around the nursery. We have been looking at Chinese New Year - the year of the monkey, so keep your eyes peeled for lots on monkeys on display. We have also been talking about what monkeys eat and where they live. Our older children have also been looking at where China is on a map, and about Chinese culture. For Burns night all the children listened to some bagpipe music, and Denise made some shortbread for the children to decorate.

Ducklings

Ducklings have been welcoming some new babies, so lots of focus has been on personal and social activities such as singing nursery rhymes and listening to stories. We have done lots of painting activities ranging from finger painting to using tools through to walking through paint. Valentine's hearts have been made for display, and lots of different fruits and vegetable pictures which you will see in the kitchen areas. The children really enjoyed decorating the shortbread for Burns Night. We have been spending lots of time in the garden and on walks around the grounds too.

Goslings

Goslings letter of the month is 'P', the colour is white, the shape is a semi-circle and the number is 2. The children have been going around the nursery trying to find as many different things starting with the letter 'P' such as penguins, pigs and pans. They have also been looking at the number two and recognising this when it is displayed around the nursery. As you may have seen, we have rearranged the play area within the room, and have found the children are really enjoying the new layout, particularly the sensory experiences in the light up den area, and the imaginary play skills they are developing in the castle.

Cygnets

The Cygnets have been spending lots of time in the garden, enjoying the mud kitchen and talking about Winter. They have been very keen to spot the daffodils growing around the grounds and can't wait to see the flowers in full bloom. Our new school pick up children have settled into their new school nurseries very well, and all are enjoying being collected in the nursery cars and coming back to see their Cygnet friends. The Cygnets have also been developing their ICT skills, they have learned to click and hold the mouse, and drag the cursor across the screen. Using 'Paint' they have made their own pictures displaying these new skills.

Date for your diary: We are having a **Mother's Day stay and play** morning on Friday 4th March 2016, between 9:30 and 11am. Mums - this is an opportunity for you to come into nursery and join in with some activities with your child to see what they get up to here. Tea and coffee will be available too. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, you are most welcome to bring them along during these times, although they will be under your supervision. If you are going to attend with your child, please email the nursery to confirm. Dad's, don't worry we will be doing a similar stay and play morning for Father's day in June!