

# What's on this term?

## 3 January: Letter of the week **N**

We will be celebrating New Year by making party hats. We will be learning about Big Ben, fireworks and learning one verse of the traditional song *Auld Lang Syne*.

## 8 January: Letter of the week **O**

We will be talking about winter weather and what we wear to keep warm. The children will be making snow scene pictures and a collage of winter clothes. The children will have the opportunity to dress the Pre-school Teddy Bear in winter clothes.

## 15 January: Letter of the week **P**

We will be explaining to the children what happens to the trees in winter time and we will be making pictures of winter trees.

## 22 January: Letter of the week **Q**

This week we will be making and tasting winter vegetable soup. The children will have the opportunity to compare peeled and unpeeled vegetables and operate an electric blender. We will also be printing with vegetables and talking about healthy eating.

If you have any to spare, please can the children bring some fresh vegetables in this week?

## 29 January: Letter of the week **R**

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, we will be talking to the children about who they share special story books with at home, and introducing them to other ways of telling stories, for example with puppets. The children will have the opportunity to make some of their own puppets to use in storytelling. We will also be sharing the traditional winter tale *The Snow Queen* with the children this week.

## 6 February: Letter of the week **S**

We will be explaining to the children, through pictures and posters, how people in China will be celebrating their New Year. This year is the Year of the Dragon, we will be making Chinese lanterns. We will be displaying Chinese writing and encouraging the children to make an attempt at writing Chinese letters. We will also be making and tasting Chinese food using a wok, and learning to eat with chopsticks.

## 12 February: Letter of the week **T**

We will be explaining to the children about the way of life of the Inuit people and we will be learning about igloos, penguins, seals and polar bears. The children will be able to touch an ice block to feel how cold the living conditions are. We will be explaining about the tradition of Valentine's Day and the children will be printing with heart-shaped sponges.

**Reminder:** The Pre-school will be closed for three weeks over Easter. The final day of the Spring term will be **Friday 22nd March**