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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of January, a month which has seen us welcome many new families to Thomas Coram- We are all enjoying getting to know you and your children and to see them settling in so well and enjoying their time with us. This is always a time when the well-established children really come into their own and it has been heart-warming to see them helping their new friends to settle in and explore.

This week the children have been enjoying our **WRITING WEEK** and we have seen some very impressive learning as the children develop their **LITERACY** and **PHYSICAL** skills.

How do we get good at making marks?

Physical skills are an essential pre-literacy skill: They enable core strength and shoulder, arm, wrist, hand & finger control.

- Running, balancing, climbing, swinging...
- Sweeping with brooms, rakes, mops
- rollers in paint, water
- big brushes/ chinks on walls
- Sawing and hammering
- Core stability, kneeling and reaching
- Make big marks on big paper or the ground
- Playing with playdough
- Using construction toys
- Threading (weaving sewing)
- Woodwork, hammering,
- Drawing and mark making using a range of mark makers (charcoal, pencils, pens)
- Tying knots, doing zips and buttons
- Cutting up fruit
- Painting at an easel



This year, we have noticed how many of the children are really keen to play and learn in our outdoor classrooms. This is, of course great news- please help us to make the most of this enthusiasm by bringing your child to nursery school in warm coats which are clearly labelled with their name inside. Please also bring in wellie boots for them to change into (also named is very helpful).



We are always glad to use any old wellies you have at home which no longer

fit your child's feet. 

Encouraging the children to wrap up warm and play outside is one of the **best ways to stave off coughs and colds** as the children are less likely to breathe in each other's germs, and exercise also helps to make our bodies healthy and resilient to viruses.

Sarah, who is the class teacher in Lamb Kinder and also our Special Needs Coordinator, has re-vamped the **SEND** board in the parent's room. If this is an area which interests you, please remember to look at it regularly as there are lots of interesting articles as well special events posted here.

SNACKS - Thanks to you all for bringing in your weekly supplies of vegetables, fruit and plain crackers. I am pleased to see that families are bringing in more vegetables which are much better for your child's teeth. Please note that due to allergy, neither Kinder class can have anything containing kiwi, sesame or lentils.

We are a NUT- FREE school.

MOSES AND LAMB KINDER-				
NO KIWI		NO SESAME		NO LENTILS

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS-

Please remember the government requirements for when your child has diarrhoea or vomiting.



Public Health
England



Exclusion period for diarrhoea or vomiting

“Children and adults with diarrhoea or vomiting should be excluded until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return.”



We will be celebrating **Chinese New Year** next week- so look out for some extra special fun here and please do speak to your key person if you would like to get involved.

Holiday Places For Half Term and Easter Holidays

We have a few holiday spaces. If you would like your child to come to nursery during these breaks for the whole week, occasional day or half day, please see Diana.

Cost:

£39.36 per day (9.30-3.30)

£26.24 per half day (9.30-12.30 or 12.30-3.30)

(Payment in advance please to secure the place)

Days will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Best wishes

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team.