



Dear Parents

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone and a big welcome back to this the start of our second term! We have a busy term ahead of us - don't forget to check the notice boards & classrooms each day for updates on events.



Our theme this month is WINTER with the additional topic of KEEPING WARM IN WINTER. A copy of our planning for this month is on display on the notice board. Remember that anyone who wishes to have a personal copy of the planning should mention this to your child's teacher and it will be arranged.

To help with our theme this month we would be grateful if you would bring in any photographs of your children taken in the snow, also anything of interest for our Winter table such as snowmen, snowflakes, woolly hats etc. Our colour for this month is WHITE so interesting items of this colour would be appreciated for our colour windows.



A special request this month is for winter clothes for the dressing up trolley, also interesting socks & gloves your children have grown too big for or hat & scarf sets, which are great for "sorting and matching" activities. Our baby dolls are feeling the cold; would you have any premature baby clothes or blankets you could donate? Also we would love some polystyrene packaging to make igloos, etc. Donations of dried rice would also be appreciated.



The Monkeynastix programme begins on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 1.20pm for those children from Yellow Room booked in to this after-school club.

Parents should collect their children at 2.00pm.

Reminders will be distributed.

I am sure lots of you were lucky enough to receive new phones from Santa this Christmas. Please remember our recycling efforts and bring in your old phones (as well as printer cartridges from home & work). It all makes for a greener future!



Emily Tyson  
Ciara McCallion  
Annie Nellis

Dominic McClean  
Nico McCandless  
Celia Hamilton



We are already planning the curriculum for February when our theme will be **People who Help Us**. If you have an interesting job or hobby you would like to share with the children please let us know.





May we remind you that **School Fund** for your child for the next term is due by 21st January.

**Please pay £36 by online banking to our school account ensuring your child's name is clearly stated on the subject**

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Trinity Nursery School  
Account Number: 08951028  
Sort Code: 93-82-03

We would also remind parents to send in dinner money on a Monday (or the first day of the week where relevant).

**URGENT! Our supply of baby wipes is extremely low so we would appreciate it if parents would once again contribute a pack of wipes and a box of tissues to help with messy fingers and faces!**

## Application for 2019/2020 School Year

**We would ask you to let relatives, friends and neighbours know that the new online application process for pre-school places opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 and closes at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Please visit [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) for full details. Birth certificate, Benefits Validation form and any other supporting documents should be taken to the first choice preference for validation.**

Looking ahead to February the school will be closed on

**Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February (inclusive) for our half term break.**

*During December and over the Christmas period there have been considerable coughs, colds, bugs, etc. In order to prevent the spread of these illnesses we would appeal to parents to ensure that children remain at home until they are fully fit to return and in particular that children should not return for 48 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.*

*On behalf of the staff I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful gifts and vouchers. The staff thoroughly appreciate your kindness and generosity.*

Over the coming weeks we will be concentrating on developing scissor skills with the children. Please look out for an advice sheet for parents with lots of tips for you to try out at home.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January the school will welcome Catherine O'Boyle from RSPB who will be helping us introduce our work on the RSPB Big Bird Watch.

The school has been fortunate enough to receive DE Funding for the Getting Ready to Learn initiative Happy Healthy Kids which focuses on physical development and exercise. I have included a DE baseline questionnaire which I hope you will complete and return asap. More details about the project and our plans soon.

Thank you for all your support of our Fundraising efforts during Term 1  
A fabulous £1364 has been raised and will be put towards resources for the Nursery.  
Mrs Ingham will be holding a Fundraising meeting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 9am for Term 2  
and everyone is welcome to attend

*Best wishes to you all!*  
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# Everyday and Everyway Talking about... January



January is one of the coldest months of the year. Dress warmly, go outside, and enjoy some winter activities and sports. The world looks very different during the winter months so there are great opportunities for language development.

The Chinese New Year takes place in January or February every year. This holiday lasts 15 days. Look for celebrations and activities in your area. Try these activities, songs, books, and crafts to help your child learn. Speak, sing and talk about books with your child in your own language.



## Activities

### Snow and frost

It is never guaranteed so seize the opportunity if it snows. Children of all ages like to play in the snow. If they dress warmly they can play outside and have lots of fun.

- Let your child help shovel the path with his toy shovel. Talk about how to push the shovel, or how the snow is cold, heavy or wet.
- Go for walks in the snow. Talk about the footprints you make. Talk about how your footprints are big and your child's are small. Make pictures in the snow with your footprints.
- Stop and make snow angels or snowmen. Talk about the parts of the angel and the snowman. Talk about what will happen when the weather gets warmer.

### Talking about winter

- Tell your child about the things you enjoyed doing in Winter as a child.
- The children will be making bird cake. Watch and talk about the birds that visit the cake.



### Out and About

- Use opportunities to draw your children's attention to signs of Winter: Winter clothes, bare trees, frosty mornings, icy puddles or shorter days.
- If you are visiting a garden centre encourage your child to look at the indoor and outdoor plants. Also look for signs of snowdrops, crocuses or even early daffodils peaking through the soil.



### Puppet Play

- After reading a story together, act it out together.
- Use puppets of stuffed animals. Pretend to be a character from the story. Include other family members in your story or in your audience.
- Make your own puppets from paper bags or old socks.

### Writing

- Talk to your child about the printed boxes you see. Words are everywhere on cereal boxes, signs, logos, and even toys.
- Keep paper, crayons, markers and paint hand. Take time to draw pictures, make signs and write cards together.
- Let your child help you write a shopping list. Even if she is scribbling, she is learning one of the many ways written language is used.





## Songs and Rhymes

Want to learn more songs and rhymes and rhymes?

Look for a parent-child music class in your area.

Incy, Wincy Spider climbing up the trees,  
Down came the snow and made the spider freeze  
Out came the sunshine and melted all the snow  
Incy Wincy Spider had another go.

In the snow we wear a coat,  
And a scarf and a hat  
In the snow we wear our boots and gloves  
To keep us warm.  
In the rain we wear a mac,  
Wellington boots, splish, splish, splash  
In the rain our hair gets wet,  
We put up our umbrellas.  
*(tune of London's burning)*

A chubby little snowman  
Had a carrot nose  
Along came a rabbit  
And what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny,  
Looking for his lunch,  
Ate the snowman's carrot nose . . .  
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

10 little snowmen riding on a sled,  
One fell off and bumped his head  
Frosty called the doctor  
And the Doctor said,  
"No more Snowmen riding on that sled!"

Drawing,  
colouring,  
cutting and  
making  
crafts help  
children  
learn skills  
they later  
need for  
writing.

**Books** Go to your local public library to find these and many more great books.

*The snowy day by Ezra Jack Keats*

*Dream snow by Eric Carle*

*Froggy gets dressed by Jonathan London*

*Whose socks are these? by Jez Alborough*

*All you need for a snowman by Alice Schertle*

*Bear snores on by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman*

*Dragon dance by Joan Holub*

*My first Chinese New year by Karen Kratz*

*Book, book, book by Deborah Bruss*

*Hello snow by Hope Vertergaard*

*Skidamarink by G Brian Karas*

*The mitten by Jan Brett*

When making  
crafts ...

How the craft  
looks when it's

done is as

important as the

fun your child has

making it



## Stories

There are lots of wonderful books on the theme of Winter. Your local library will have some but we would recommend also . . .

*Cudley Dudley by Jez Alborough*

*The Cross Rabbit by Nick Butterworth*

*Jolly Snow by Jane Hissey*

*Lost in the Snow by Ian Beck*

*The Snow by John Burningham*

*The Snow Lambs by Debri Gliori*

*Elmer in the Snow by David McKee*

## Crafts

For more craft ideas go to [www.wondertime.go.com](http://www.wondertime.go.com)

Make your own book

Take photos of a family outing or playing in the snow. Stick the photos one to a page in a scrapbook. Add captions and decorate or use a photo for the cover of your book. This will become a favourite story and it is an activity which reinforces book handling skills and the vocabulary of books eg, title, illustration, author etc.

## Paper Bag Puppet

**Materials needed:**

**Paper lunch bag, glue, crayons or marker, scraps of fabric, coloured construction paper, wool.**

Let your child use markers or crayons to draw the face to make clothes for your puppet. Glue wool on to make hair.

Create as many puppets as you can with your materials and imagination. Once your puppet is done, don't forget to use it to pretend and act out a story or two!