

Spring 1

Week 1:

This is the first week back after the Christmas break. The children have been excited to get back to Nursery and also to tell the adults about the different Christmas experiences they have had. Following on from our learning before the break, the children have revisited the topic of Winter. The children have been practising putting on their hats, coats, scarfs, gloves (or mittens) and welly boots. The children have also been learning about how different animals keep warm and survive during the winter months. The whole class has also been on a Winter walk around the school grounds, looking at trees with no leaves and trees that still have their leaves all year round (evergreen). It was a very cold day so we all warmed up with a hot chocolate and a biscuit. The children also enjoyed learning a poem called 'I Can Build A Snowman' and painted beautiful snowy pictures.



Week 2:

This week the children were introduced to their new topic; People who help us. The children were able to name lots of different people that help us and one in particular we decided to explore further: Friendship. The children were able to say who their friend was and also give reasons and some explanations as to why that child made a good friend. We practised turn taking games and continued to share in the Nursery garden.

The children had a lot of fun navigating an obstacle course in the Nursery garden, showing different ways that they can manoeuvre around the course, such as: climbing, balancing, jumping and skipping.



Week 3:

The children had the chance to learn about Chinese New Year this week. They watched a video showing the story of how the animals are linked to a year. They also watched videos of how people prepare for and celebrate the New Year. The video the children enjoyed watching the most was the dragon dancing. There were dragons, lions and unicorns performing for large crowds to see. The children joined in crafts of making Chinese lanterns and using shapes to make a Chinese dragon collage. During our cooking session, the children were able to taste a delicious Chinese noodle stir fry. We did try using chopsticks, but they were difficult to master! Our Sensory activities included playing with rice and a Chinese tea set and bright red playdough, which the children were able to identify as a lucky colour in Chinese culture.



Week 4:

Continuing with our topic: People who help us, the children have chosen to explore doctors and nurses. They have been learning about how doctors and nurses help other people and what types of equipment they may use. Some children were able to stand up in class and talk about their experiences when seeing a doctor or a nurse. Our new vocabulary for this week was: Stethoscope, otoscope, patient, appointment, plaster, receptionist, ambulance, prescription, medicine, wound and bandage. They really enjoyed role playing in the new doctors' surgery in the classroom. There was lots of dressing up and different equipment to use.



Week 5 and 6:

The past two weeks have been very exciting! The children chose firefighters as our next focus for our topic: People who help us. They were particularly excited about the real fire engine and the firefighters that came to visit the school. They listened really well to the firefighters explaining what they do and all the different ways that they help people. The children got to see lots of different tools and the uniform that they wear. When they were

outside, the children got to see the different parts of the fire engine such as the hose, first aid kit and water tank. They even got to see the flashing lights and listen to the really loud sirens. The best part of the visit was when the children were allowed to use the fire hose! After the visit, the children got to dress up and role play as firefighters and also painted wonderful pictures of the fire engine. The children used different 2D shapes to create their own fire engine too.

