



Westfield  
Foundation Stage  
Newsletter

## New Year Celebrations 2024

Spring 1

### Reading

Please ensure that your child reads three times a week in accordance with our school policy. There is a reward for pupils who read three times a week at the end of each half term. Please sign the diary to show that your child has read. If possible, add a comment to let us know how your child has got on.

### New Year Resolutions

We would like to wish you a *Happy New Year* and hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. This half term, we are starting our topic work by thinking about making New Year's resolutions. Please help your child to think of something they would like to do at home e.g. tidy their toys, help to set the table or help to wash the car. We will be talking in circle time about trying our best and completing random acts of kindness.



### Our topic work

We will be talking to the children about their favourite part of the Christmas holidays.

We will also be learning about Winter and thinking about the differences between Autumn and Winter. We will be reading various 'Winter' stories and going on a winter walk. You might like to go on a winter walk in the holidays too! We will be discussing ice and changes in water as well as winter weather.

### Chinese New Year

This half term we will be learning about Chinese New Year celebrations. We will draw and paint pictures of dragons, cook and taste noodles and create a Chinese restaurant in the role play area. We will have our own Chinese New Year party.



### PE lessons

This term we are using the large apparatus for climbing and balancing. PE lessons are on Thursdays. Any pupils with long hair need to have it tied back on PE days for safety reasons. We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days or they need to have them covered with tape. Please continue to practise undressing and dressing independently - especially tights and buttons! Please also could pupils work on turning clothes the right way round so they not inside out? Thank you.



### Our topics this half term:

- Winter walk
- Ice and Changes
- Healthy Eating
- Handa's Surprise (book)
- Chinese New Year

We will also be thinking this half term about healthy eating. You might like to make some healthy snacks or meals with your child and talk about how different foods can keep us healthy and the need for a balanced diet. We will be making a fruit salad in school and thinking about creating healthy lunch boxes.

### Homework

The children have made great progress with recognising their letter sounds. Please continue to work on the sounds in your child's 'green phonics book' and watch Seesaw as we will also be giving little maths tasks out this half term to support weekly learning in Maths. Please complete a page with your child in their 'special' book as they really enjoy sharing their page with the group each Wednesday.

