

# Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup

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suksanwanpimai (Thai)

Happy Chinese New Year!

## Home - Pre-School Link

### Please bring in to share

Anything with a Chinese, Thai, moon or love theme or red to show at circle time

Fruit or veg to share at snack time

### Ideas to continue our learning themes at home

Noticing the moon together, how big it is, what shape, how long it takes to get dark, all great mathematical concepts

### School Risers

Letters and Sounds –We are focusing on the phonemes (sounds) s, a & t

**Spring half term break is from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.**



## February/March Topic Themes & Intentions

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be thinking about 'Chinese New Year'. We will explore culture and traditions of Chinese New Year using a multisensory approach, including music, dancing, food, Chinese script writing and lots of red and gold activities. Our mathematics focus will continue with 'number', with lots of counting, grouping and looking at numerals.

The date of Chinese New Year varies every year and is based on the first new moon of the year and is also called 'Lunar New Year', so we will also be thinking about the moon.

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be exploring the emotions and literacy around love and Valentines themes.

March topic is 'British Science Week' – All month!

## Spring Term Parent/Carer Reviews

Please book in for a review of your child's learning and development progress, with their key person. During your meeting, we will discuss and explore ideas together, for shared home and pre-school targets.

## School Risers Explore the Community

The three 'School Risers' groups have now been on their first adventures, to Par Track, via Par Train Station to visit the pump track, park and library. A trek to Par Beach for some beach school. Plus a trip to visit to the beautiful Tywardreath marshes, to follow the river and see where it leads!

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February the School Risers will be heading to Lostwithiel on the train to visit the fire station! I will split the Friday group into these two dates and will liaise with parents about this, to try and accommodate everyone.

## Working Party, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – 12.00 noon

The committee have organised a morning for volunteers to help with some odd jobs around pre-school, such as gardening and painting. If you can help for an hour or two, we would be very grateful for your help.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February is Children's Mental Health Week

This year, Place2Be is thinking about 'bravery'. Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

For ideas and activities on how to help your children find their brave visit:

[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

