

# Orange Blossom

# Spring Curriculum Newsletter

At Martenscroft we are expressive, mindful, nurturing and inquisitive so we can play, learn and grow.

This half term our learning theme is:

# **Imagine**

In each curriculum area we will be learning:



### **Holistic Health**

(Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Mindfulness, Emotional Literacy, Wellbeing Rights Respecting, Individual Needs) Welcome to our new children and families that have joined us from Apple Blossom. Please allow a few minutes each day either on drop off or pick up to talk to your child's key person so that we can all get to know each other.

We are encouraging the children with their self-help skills during snack/mealtimes, we are encouraging the children to pour from a jug and drink independently from a cup.

### **Expressive Me**

(Communication and Language, Literacy, Languages, Signing & Visuals, Expressive Arts and Design) Home Learning Activity: To encourage your child to drink from a cup.

The children will be sharing/listening to our core text The Three Billy Goats gruff and The Gruffalo. Developing their listening and attention skills and learning key words and phrases.

For our Rhyme Time Challenge – Teddy Bear, Jelly on the Plate, Open and Shut them and Polly put the kettle on.

There will be a Big Spring Clean-up which you will be invited to come along and help out. The date to be confirmed.

## Global Responsibility

(Eco School, Cultural Diversity, Global Citizenship, Environmental Impact, Community Responsibility, Research Projects) Home Learning Activity: Encourage your child to join in with the rhymes.

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This half term the children will be participating in celebrating Chinese New Year the year of the "Dragon". The children have taken part in a variety of activities such as painting boxes to represent the head of the dragon. Creating Chinese letters through mark-making and talking about decorations in the home for special celebrations.

#### Inventive Ideas

Maths, Understanding the World, Technology, Engineering, Cooking, Social media) Home Learning Activity: If you go to see the Chinese celebrations in Manchester please add the photographs to your child's Tapestry.

We will be focusing on Winter activities and this will be a wonderful opportunity to link science-based investigations as the children learn about liquids and solids freezing water and noticing changes.

We will be linking maths to our core curriculum text by weighing children on digital scales and measuring their height.

Encourage your child to explore objects around the home comparing size big, little, heavy and light, tall and short.

#### Reminders:

Parent's/carers please ensure your child is dressed in warm clothes for outdoor play.

No plastic bags on their pegs and no food items in bags.

Quote of the term:

"What we learn, becomes a part of who we are."



