



We hope you have had a great half term and managed to eat lots of pancakes and share a bit of Valentine's chocolate. This term we have lots to look forward to: science experiments, learning about Chinese New Year and Ramadan and celebrating St Patrick's Day and our wonderful mothers! We are already enjoying seeing the spring flowers peeping through and will be learning their names and using them in our crafts.

### Topics of the Term:

**Move to Write-** We are starting Move to Write this term; using our bodies to prepare us for good letter formation.

**Chinese New Year-** Year of the Horse and the Great Race

**Science Week-** What makes things go?



**Ramadan-** Who celebrates and how?

**World Book Day-** What makes a good story?

**Spring flowers-** what can we spot and name at home and in our community?

**Easter-** How do we celebrate Easter?



**Eco Focus:** What happens with our apple cores?



**Spanish:** We are continuing with greetings and numbers and adding in colours and days of the week.



### Dates for the Diary:

**Term start:** Mon 23rd Feb

**Term end:** Fri 27th March

- **Chinese New Year-** 17th Feb- 3rd March
- **St David's Day-** 1st March
- **World Book Day-** 5th March- The children are welcome to come in throughout the week 2nd-6th March as characters from their favourite books.
- **Eid-** 19th -20th March
- **Science Week-** 6th-15th March
- **Mother's Day –** Sun 15th March
- **St Patrick's Day-** 17th March
- **Easter-** Sun 5th April



### Daily timetable:

**Early birds-** 8:30-9:00

**Day start-** 9:00

**Snack -** 10:30

**Lunch -** 12:30-13:00

**Home Time -**

15:00 - Mon - Thurs

12:30 - Fri

### Help From Home:

We will continue to use our outside space as often as possible and we plan to explore the local area to look for spring flowers. Please can all children have suitable jackets and footwear to change into.

Cub Bear will continue to visit to find out what life is like for our children outside of the Playschool. A little bit of writing in your child's green book about what Cub gets up to during his stay would be great.

We now have space for Playschool starters from the term following Easter. Please share this news with friends and family looking for an early year's setting with a family feel. And, to help with staffing, please could you let us know which days you would like from September.

As part of healthy and safe eating we'd like to ask that packed lunches have only one sweet snack and that small fruits such as grapes and strawberries are quartered. Water is available throughout the day for the children.

And finally, please can long hair be tied back. This will help with the routines and activities of the playschool day.

