



Nursery Bulletin – Spring Term 2018

Staff members working in the Nursery

- Miss Samuels – Nursery Teacher
- Debbie – Early Years Educator
- Kia – Early Years Educator
- Nicola – Early Years Educator
- Ms Cook – Foundation Stage PPA & Management Cover
- Delores - Mid-day Supervisor

Key dates for the diary

- Phase 1 Parents phonic workshop 10th January at 9.30am
- Last day of term - 9th February
- **Half term: 12th February – 16th February**
- Children back at school – 19th February
- Book week – w/b 26th February (World Book Day - March 1st)
- Parent conference day – March 23rd (no school for children)
- **Last day of term – March 29th – 2:00pm finish**

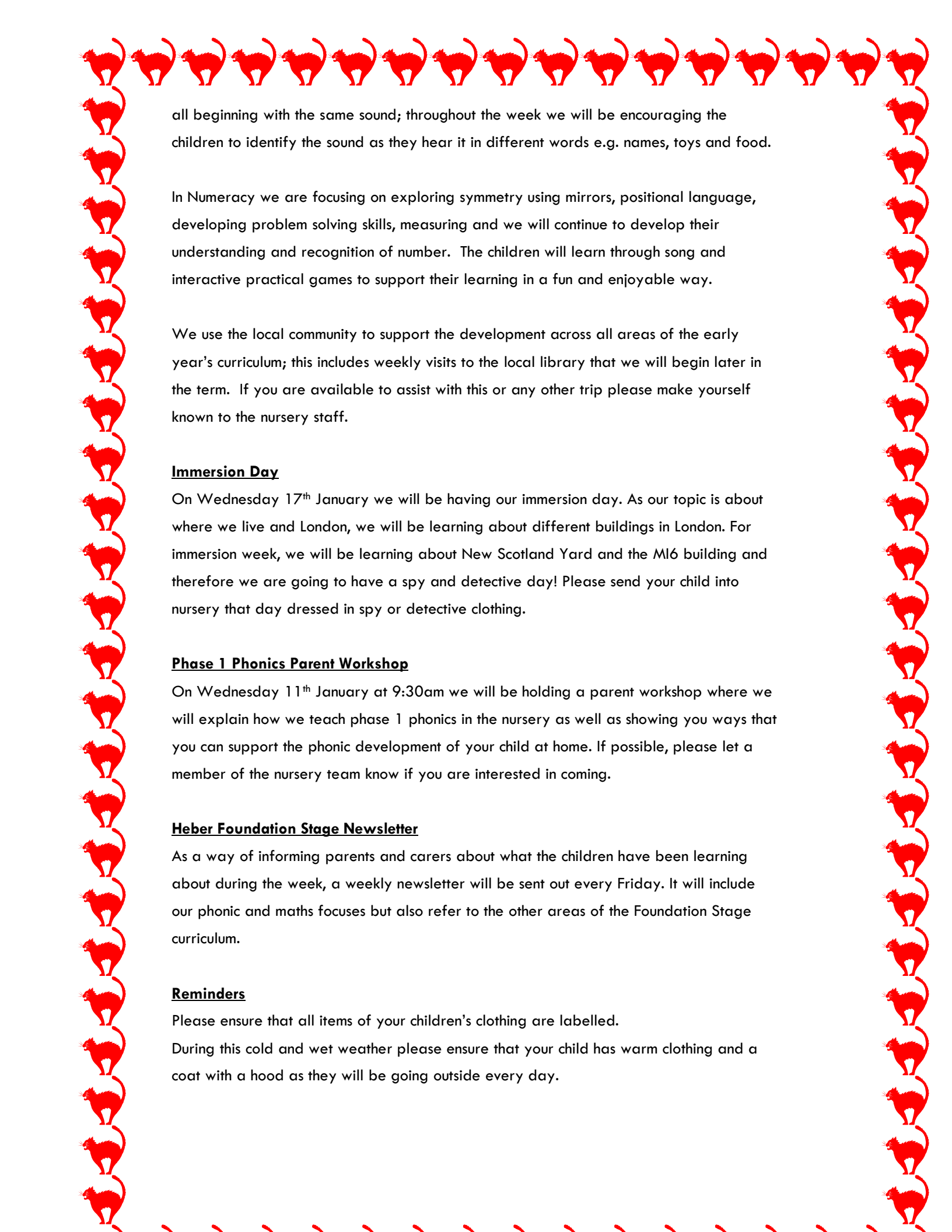
Welcome back everyone. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year and thank you for your generous gifts. We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the new term.

Rather excitingly, this term we are launching a new growth mind-set initiative at Heber Primary School. With a growth mind-set, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication, hard work and a positive attitude to challenge. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishments. At Heber we wish for all our children to have a growth mind-set. We have already started to explore the power of 'Yet'. Rather than a child saying "I can't do this," they'll be encouraged to say "I can't do this, yet", giving them the mind-set that with hard work and extra effort, achievement will follow.

Curriculum

Our topic this half term will be 'My World'. We will be learning all about where we live and comparing where we live to other places in the world.

We are continuing to focus on 'Phase one' of the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. This is an essential aspect of the early teaching of reading as it supports the children to listen to the sounds around them. Furthermore, it ensures that they are ready to begin their oral blending and segmenting skills. We will also be introducing some letter sounds this term through the use of our 'sound table'. Each week the table will have a range of objects



all beginning with the same sound; throughout the week we will be encouraging the children to identify the sound as they hear it in different words e.g. names, toys and food.

In Numeracy we are focusing on exploring symmetry using mirrors, positional language, developing problem solving skills, measuring and we will continue to develop their understanding and recognition of number. The children will learn through song and interactive practical games to support their learning in a fun and enjoyable way.

We use the local community to support the development across all areas of the early year's curriculum; this includes weekly visits to the local library that we will begin later in the term. If you are available to assist with this or any other trip please make yourself known to the nursery staff.

Immersion Day

On Wednesday 17th January we will be having our immersion day. As our topic is about where we live and London, we will be learning about different buildings in London. For immersion week, we will be learning about New Scotland Yard and the MI6 building and therefore we are going to have a spy and detective day! Please send your child into nursery that day dressed in spy or detective clothing.

Phase 1 Phonics Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 11th January at 9:30am we will be holding a parent workshop where we will explain how we teach phase 1 phonics in the nursery as well as showing you ways that you can support the phonic development of your child at home. If possible, please let a member of the nursery team know if you are interested in coming.


Heber Foundation Stage Newsletter

As a way of informing parents and carers about what the children have been learning about during the week, a weekly newsletter will be sent out every Friday. It will include our phonic and maths focuses but also refer to the other areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum.

Reminders

Please ensure that all items of your children's clothing are labelled.

During this cold and wet weather please ensure that your child has warm clothing and a coat with a hood as they will be going outside every day.



Please remember that the children are climbing each day so suitable footwear is advisable.

Fruit and water are provided on a daily basis and we appreciate a donation of £6 each term to contribute towards cooking which takes place every Wednesday.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag on a daily basis; work, books and letters will be sent home in them.

The school day finishes at 3:30pm prompt. It is vital that your child is collected on time as late collection often causes the child unnecessary distress. Children who attend in the morning only **MUST** be collected at 12:00pm as late collection disrupts the routine of the Nursery.

Finally, I would like to remind you that you must let your child's class teacher know, either in the morning or by telephoning the office, if someone else is picking your child up.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with you and your child throughout this term.
Thanks for your continued support.

Warmest regards,

The Nursery Team