



# Welcome Back!

## Spring Term 1 2024

### January 2024

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Preschool. We hope you have had a wonderful family Christmas and the children have lots of fun stories to share with us.

For our new parents, your child will be given a key-person who will work closely alongside them to support their wellbeing and development. Please feel free to arrange a time to speak to your key-person about any concerns or particular interests your child may have. Parents are a child's first teacher, you have already played an important part in your child's learning and development and we really do appreciate anything you could share with us. This can also be done on your child's private account on Tapestry.

This year we will start with an exciting topic about dinosaurs. There will be lots of roaring and exploring going on in our classroom. The children will be learning how dinosaurs lived and how they became extinct. We will be exploring the world of dinosaurs, examining fossils, talking about and describing the different features of dinosaurs and reading lots of dinosaur themed stories.

We will be mini paleontologists in our forest excavating bones, making a gloopy swamp and experimenting to hatch our very own dinosaur egg.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day later on this term.

Learning is tailored to the children's individual interests, therefore we sometimes divert from our themed topic to accommodate this. The children lead their own learning and the teachers engage with them to support and extend this; ensuring learning is meaningful and relevant to each child.

Please ensure your child has spare clothes, appropriate outdoor clothing and labelled wellies for our forest.

If your child is in nappies/pull-ups, please regularly check their bags to ensure they have a supply each day as well as wipes and nappy sacks.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us in the morning or phone/email school.

Many thanks.

### The Early Years Team

