

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

Upcoming trip: Stepney City Farm on Wednesday 29th January 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful break. Thank you once again for your kind words and gifts.

Our **R.E.** topic will focus on New Year celebrations around the world. If anyone has made new year's resolutions this year, please share these with your child. We will also learn about Chinese and Persian New Year and explore the traditions and culture through art and texts.

Our new **English** text this half term is "Anansi the Spider", which is a traditional folktale from Africa. Children will learn how to map out the story with key events and pictures, step out the story and retell it as part of the storytelling process. Your children will build a physical memory of the story as they internalise the key language and structure of the text. We will also build descriptive language around the characters in the story.

In **Understanding the World**, we will learn how to talk about key events from our past in sequential order. We will then learn about different modes of transport, including what they are used for and how we use them, for example, boarding a bus. Children will learn the features of our local environment and about road safety in preparation for our Stepney City Farm trip on 29th January 2025.

In **Think Equal**, we will learn how to be kind to others and ourselves. We will learn what kindness may look or feel like and how we can achieve this within our classroom. We will practise breathing exercises and movement that will help children self-regulate as they continue to grow with us.

In **Maths**, children will focus on numbers 0-3 this half term, including reading the numeral and finding the amounts. Children will be practising showing "number fingers" and subitising amounts (identifying the total amount without counting). Children will then learn about position and routes using obstacle courses to rescue Anansi. We will then end the half term learning about patterns in the environment, recognising the patterns on Anansi and creating our own patterns.

Kind regards,  
The Nursery Team.