



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Spring Term at Bracken Leas! The children have returned with a great attitude towards learning. We have started the year by thinking about new challenges that encourage the children to try and learn different skills. One of our challenges is to become more independent, e.g. zipping up coats. Our topics this term are, people who help us, Chinese New Year and friendships.

We have an exciting new project that the children will be doing with Mr Possinger, we are learning how to plan and build a raised vegetable patch, so that the children can learn about how we grow food and where it comes from. They will be using and applying lots of maths and fine motor skills, for example measuring, hammering and screwing together the planter.

This term the children will be continuing 'Outdoor Adventure' sessions on a **Tuesday** morning. They will need to bring in a pair of wellies in a named carrier bag on their day.

Den: 29th January, 12th February, 5th March, 19th March, 2nd April.

Lodge: 22nd January, 5th February, 26th February, 12th March, 26th March.

<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u>	Taking turns and sharing fairly. Continuing to know the rules and boundaries in Early Years. To be able to resolve conflicts in their play.
<u>Communication & Language</u>	Speaking in small and large groups. Talking about things we like. Listening carefully to our friends. Starting to use more complex sentences.
<u>Physical Development</u>	Using our big muscles to ride bikes and scooters, climb and balance. Developing fine motor control. To show control and coordination when on apparatus.
<u>Literacy</u>	To use Fred Talk to help segment and blend. Writing our names correctly using capital letters only at the start. Matching sounds to letters.
<u>Maths</u>	Counting up to 20 Recognising numerals 0-20 To begin to name and describe 2d and 3d shapes.
<u>Understanding the World</u>	To find out about different occupations and ways of life. (People who help us and Chinese New Year) Exploring the outdoor environment.
<u>Expressive Arts & Design</u>	Exploring a variety of media. Telling stories in our small-world areas Exploring musical instruments.

EYFS are looking for any old small electrical items for the children to take apart and explore.

Donations for junk modelling are always appreciated.

Parents Evenings this term will be on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March. More details will be sent out soon.

Please remember to provide some named spare clothes for your child. Don't forget to order your hot dinners for your child.

Just a gentle reminder, please can all clothes, shoes and wellies be clearly named.