



PIPS (Kowloon)



# Playgroup Newsletter

February and March, 2019

## Happy Chinese New Year The Year of the Pig

Dear Parents,

At school, the children enjoyed learning about this important Chinese festival to celebrate the beginning of the new year and the start of spring. They learned about traditional colours: red for good luck, orange and gold for good fortune and wealth, and pink for happiness. We also reinforced the colour pink by making a pink pig and that this year will be the year of the pig, by pig sounds.

There are so many things one can do to get ready for the Chinese New Year. So, we hope you have fun buying peach and plum blossoms, kumquat trees and other auspicious flowers and plants to decorate your home as they are believed to bring you good luck, fortune and long life. Also, enjoying a New Year's Eve feast, visiting family and friends, and watching the Chinese New Year parade.

Wishing everyone a Happy Chinese New Year! Kung Hei Fat Choy! Xin Nian Kuai Le! Happy Lunar Year celebrations. May you and your family have good health, happiness and luck throughout the Year of the Pig.



Best regards,  
Miss Aren and Ms. Tina

## Important Dates to Remember:

- 31<sup>st</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Lunar New Year Holidays
- 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Term 2 Begins
- 7<sup>th</sup> (and 8<sup>th</sup>) March, 2019 – World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Professional Development Day (No School)
- 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019 – Playgroup Photo Taking Days
- 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – Pyjama Days



## Young Athletes

Children learn the vocabulary for different parts of their body through fun, action songs and activities, and they will be reinforced throughout the theme. Physical activities in the classroom and playground, such as rolling/throwing balls and jumping on a trampoline, will be introduced to help develop the children's gross motor skills, balance, co-ordination and physical strength. We will be singing and dancing to songs, such as, *Walking, Walking, Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*, *Party Freeze Dance Song* and *Hokey Pokey/Cokey*. There will also be fun, interactive games like crawling through tunnels and simple obstacle courses.



## Art Attack

In the playgroup, the children have opportunities to experience different kinds of arts: drama, music, literature and visual arts. Adults should support and encourage their child to be risk-takers and try new experiences. For example, in visual arts, children can explore and experiment with different art techniques and media. It is important that adults are positive and enthusiastic about sensory and creative art activities, including messy ones, because it is the process that counts, and not the end product. Encouraging and supporting children to explore will help to develop their imagination, freedom of expression, creativity and independence.



Discover the arts with your family in Hong Kong. One can visit art museums, public libraries, watch the light show display at night, attend a concert or ballet performance, and so on.



## My Favourite Stories

We are pleased to see many children enjoying story time and choosing books to read in the classroom and the school library. Reading books everyday is a good habit, such as reading a story together before going to bed. It will help to develop their language and communication, and understanding of the world. In March, everyone can bring their favourite book to school to celebrate World Book Day. To end the theme, children and adults are welcome to come to school in their sleepwear on our fun Pyjama Days to listen to a story and enjoy milk and biscuits/cookies (a notice will be given out in class).



二月

# 大家來說普通話

詞語

Vocabulary



唱歌  
chàng gē



跳舞  
tiào wǔ



拍手  
pāi shǒu

兒歌

Nursery Rhymes

## 大家動起來

dà jiā dòng qǐ lái

哈哈大家快來唱歌，

Hā hā dà jiā kuài lái chàng gē ,

哈哈大家快來跳舞，

hā hā dà jiā kuài lái tiào wǔ ,

哈哈大家快來拍手，

hā hā dà jiā kuài lái pāi shǒu ,

哈哈大家快來點頭。

hā hā dà jiā kuài lái diǎn tóu 。





# 三月 大家來說普通話

詞語

Vocabulary



毛毛蟲

máo mao chóng



蝴蝶

hú diér



狼

láng



兔子

tù zi

兒歌

Nursery Rhymes



毛毛蟲

máo mao chóng

小呀小呀毛毛蟲，  
xiǎo ya xiǎo ya máo máo chóng ,

一拱一拱往上爬，  
yī gǒng yī gǒng wǎng shàng pá ,

身體軟軟好多腿，  
shēn tǐ ruǎn ruǎn hǎo duō tuǐ ,

2. 肚子搖搖晃尾巴

2. dù zi yáo yáo huǎng wěi bā

3. 身體硬硬變蠶蛹，

3. shēn tǐ yìng yìng biàn cán yǒng ,

爬呀爬呀爬。

pá ya pá ya pá .

小兔乖乖

(狼) 小兔子乖乖，  
xiǎo tù zi guāi guāi ,

把門開開，  
bǎ mén kāi kāi ,

快點開開，  
kuài diǎn kāi kāi ,

我要進來。  
wǒ yào jìn lái .

(小兔子) 不開不開我不開，  
bù kāi bù kāi wǒ bù kāi ,

媽媽不在家，  
mā ma bù zài jiā ,

誰來也不開。  
shuí lái yě bù kāi .

