

# Under 2's Newsletter

January - March, 2025



Dear Parents,

The year 2024 has proven to be remarkable! It seems to me that the past year has passed in an instant. At PIPS, we have observed considerable development among our valued students, especially in their self-assurance, understanding, and the establishment of significant friendships.

We've explored many delightful themes, but the Winter and Christmas themes truly stood out. The children were fully engaged in a variety of activities, from singing festive songs to decorating Christmas trees and even playing in the snow.

As we step into this New Year, we encourage you to take some time with your child to brainstorm how your family can learn from one another by allowing the kids to plan 'special days.' Think along the lines of popcorn day, kite-flying day, camping under the stars day, or even a yes day! We hope these experiences create wonderful memories for your entire family.

Now, let's count down together: 10, 9... 3, 2, 1, Happy New Year, 2025!

Best regards,  
Under 2's Teachers

## Important Dates

24th January  
**Lunar New Year  
Festivities**

27th January  
to 3rd February  
**Lunar New Year  
Holidays**

4th February  
**Term 2 - First Day  
of School**

7th March  
**Professional  
Development Day  
(No School)**

**We all get the exact same 365 days. The  
only difference is what we do with them.**

**-Hillary D.**



# Our Upcoming Themes

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## Chinese New Year

As PIPS is an international school, it is important to learn about and develop an understanding of different cultures and festivals. Chinese New Year is the most important festival observed by Chinese people. It is commonly referred to as the Spring Festival because it heralds the arrival of spring. We are so lucky to be able to participate in this festival here in Hong Kong. The colours, the rituals, the food and the weather all combine to make it a memorable time of year. We will learn as much as we can about all facets of this vibrant celebration, such as house cleaning, the flower market, animals of the Chinese zodiac and red packets.

## Opposites

We can help our students' to develop awareness about the concept of opposites by using visual aids (real and pictures), and playing fun activities and games. In doing so, a child will begin to learn how to compare two different things and have a better understanding and meaning of a specific concept. In the Under 2's, we can start teaching the opposite pairs of words, such as big/small, in/out, happy/sad and up/down. More practice and repetition will help to develop children's descriptive and language skills too.



## Animals

Roar like a lion, swim like a fish, or meow like a cat! Children love learning about animals and imitating them. When children interact with other living things it gives them the opportunity to learn about themselves and be aware of the needs of others. This theme is an important component for children to learn how to connect, care and be excellent communicators. Children can pretend to be zoo keepers, little aquarists or mini veterinarians. Do ask your children, 'What is your favourite animal?'

## In The Garden

At PIPS, we are proactive in developing awareness about 'greenery'. In the classrooms and garden in the playground, our students' can observe a variety of beautiful plants and colourful flowers blooming throughout the year. It is also a good opportunity to learn about nature and how to take good care of it. We can stimulate children's senses and encourage them to develop an interest in the natural world. You can visit gardens and parks, observe plants and flowers in shops and markets as well as water plants, collect leaves and stones, and look for and identify bugs and insects.



# 親子班單元通訊

## (普通話)

二零二五年一月~三月

親愛的家長，

本學年的第三個單元，我們將通過歌曲、故事、遊戲、裝飾手工等不同活動，對春節進行探究、慶祝，以增加孩子們對這個傳統節日的了解。我們除了節慶以外，也開始探究「相反概念」，一到兩歲的孩子僅能理解具體的、能看見、能摸著的東西。課堂上，我們會利用日常用品、教具等實物，幫助孩子們理解簡單相反的概念和詞彙。新的單元，我們還增添了動物和昆蟲的學習內容，希望豐富的教學內容能滿足孩子們對知識的渴望。在這裏，祝大家聖誕快樂！新年快樂！

親子班中文老師

### Song: 歌曲

kě ài de xiǎo māo

可愛的小貓

kě ài de xiǎo māo tiān tiān miāo miāo jiào ,  
可愛的小貓天天喵喵叫，  
kě ài de xiǎo māo tiān tiān miāo miāo jiào ,  
可愛的小貓天天喵喵叫，  
miāo miāo miāo , miāo miāo miāo , miāo miāo jiào 。  
喵喵喵，喵喵喵，喵喵叫。



hóng bāo  
紅包



gōng xǐ  
恭喜



xiǎo māo  
小貓



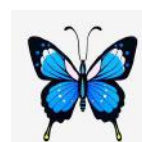
xiǎogǒu  
小狗



dà / xiǎo  
大/小



duō / shǎo  
多/少



hú dié  
蝴蝶



mì fēng  
蜜蜂