



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

A warm welcome back!

It has been so lovely welcoming all our Bumblebees back into the classroom this week. The children have come in full of smiles, stories, and excitement, and we've absolutely loved hearing all about what they've been up to at home. 🧡



Celebrating Chinese New Year

This week we've been exploring the colourful celebrations of **Chinese New Year**. We talked about how families around the world celebrate with lanterns, dragons, fireworks, and big parades. Learning about different festivals helps children:

- develop curiosity about the wider world 🌍
- notice similarities and differences between people
- build respect and understanding for other cultures

Our activities included:

- practising with chopsticks in the role-play area 🥢
- exploring red spaghetti in our sensory tray 🍝
- looking at photos of Chinese New Year celebrations 📷
- talking about lanterns, dragons, and the parade 🐉

The children were fascinated by all the bright colours and exciting traditions!



A Sunny Day of Outdoor Learning

We were treated to a beautiful day of sunshine this week, so we took our learning outside! The children enjoyed:

- a lovely picnic together 🧺
- group parachute games full of laughter 🎈
- exploring the outdoor environment with their friends 🌿

It was such a joyful day, and the children thrived in the fresh air.



Come and Play Session

Thank you to everyone who joined our first **Come and Play** session of the term. It was wonderful to see you, and your children were so proud to show you their nursery world. 🧡

Our next session will be on **Monday 9th March**—we can't wait to welcome you again!

☀️ Meet the Team – Week 5: Gill



Hi, I'm **Gill!**

I'm one of the bank staff here at Lanterns. I support the Bumblebees every Monday and Tuesday, and for the rest of the week I help wherever I'm needed across the school. I've worked at Lanterns for three years and absolutely love being part of the Bumblebee team—2-year-olds are such good fun! 🐝

I'm also a registered childminder and provide wrap-around care at a local school. In my spare time I enjoy socialising, music, swimming, and travelling to amazing destinations around the world. ✈️🌍

📝 Gentle Reminders

- If your child needs nappies or wipes, please make sure these are topped up.
- If you ever have any concerns or questions, we're always here to help.

💛 Well-Being Tip for Parents

This week's nurturing reminder is to offer yourself the same kindness you give your little one. Parenting a 2–3-year-old is full of love, learning, and very busy moments, so try to pause once in a while and acknowledge all that you're doing. A simple moment of self-kindness, taking a slow breath, or saying "I'm doing my best", can bring calm and reassurance into your day. You deserve care too.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend full of rest and hopefully some spring sunshine. 🌻 If you ever need a chat or want to get in touch, please feel free to email me anytime on c.leighton@lanterns.hants.sch.uk

Cora and The Bumblebee Team