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# Elm Park

## January 2023

## Topic program - January 2022

In the month of December, the children at Little Learners Nursery and Preschool will be developing their knowledge and understanding about different topics. Our topics are Seasons and Chinese New Year, the children will be learning about the different season's we experience every year. The children will also be learning about the Chinese new year and why it is celebrated.

*These topics will be relatable to the seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The EYFS sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to five years old.*

### Seasons

To start the new year of 2023, the children will be learning about the four seasons and the types of different weather we experience in each season, such as: sun, rain, wind and snow. The children will get to enjoy lots of fantastic learning activities,

whilst building up their knowledge on the seasons. Taking local walks to the park the children will be able to explore the environment around them. The children will also have a chance to make lots of different crafts around the topic seasons such as: rain shakers, creating our own 4 season tree using different materials.

To Challenge the older children's imagination and develop their fine motor skills, they will be creating their own bear hunt maps, to then use and put into their play, this activity links in with one of our core books 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

Tasty treats will be made by all, incorporating our learning topic of

'weather' such as sunshine smoothies, snowball peppermint creams and Rainbow biscuits. Yummy!



### Chinese New Year

Chinese new year is a festival of celebrations for the welcoming of the traditional Chinese New Year calendar. The festival is usually referred to as the Spring Festival in modern China. The initial start of Chinese New Year begins at the first day of the new moon and 2023 celebrates the year of the Rabbit!

This topic of learning will help the children to recognize and celebrate cultural differences through play and allow them an opportunity to taste different types of Chinese food. To continue developing the children's fine motor skills, they will be creating lots of colorful pictures of fireworks, making Chinese lanterns and collages of the Chinese dragon.



## Core books

### Week 1&2: 'all about Weather'

Welcome to the wonderful world of weather! From the warm, balmy days of the summer climate to the cold, crisp nights of winter, kids will learn all about the four seasons, as well as how clouds form, why it rains, what causes a rainbow and storms, and so much more.



### Week 3&4: 'We're going on a bear hunt'

Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear.



What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

## Our new songs for January... 'Incy Wincy Spider'

Incy Wincy spider  
Climbed up the water spout  
Down came the rain  
And washed poor Incy out  
Out came the sunshine  
and dried up all the rain  
And Incy Wincy spider  
Climbed up the spout again

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## 'Rain, Rain go away'

Rain, rain go away  
Come again another day.  
Rain, rain go away  
we all want to go outside and play



## Parents please...

Welcome back everyone! We all hope you had an amazing Christmas and wish you all the best for 2023!!

Safeguarding the children within our care is Everyone's responsibility. If you do have any suspicions or concerns-report them!

Lead Safeguarding officer-  
Terri Noone

Deputy Safeguarding officer-  
Jodie Richards

Parents if your available on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 5:30pm please log onto the parent engagement session for children's oral hygiene training - a separate email will be sent to you with all the details.

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Topic Program, January 2023  
Parent Feedback Form  
'seasons and Chinese new year'

What did you do with your children to incorporate the topic for January 2023 at home?

What do you think your child has learnt and how have they benefitted from this topic?

Are there any activities you would like to see happening more in nursery?

Child:

Age group: