

# The Downs Primary School and Nursery

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## Acorn Newsletter

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The children have continued to learn about China and its culture over the last couple of weeks as they have shown a real interest. Some children worked together to make Chinese lion masks from cardboard boxes whilst another child used strings of beads and pencils to make noddles with chopsticks. We are really impressed that the children are able to recall a lot of the information we learnt over cultural week too.



We would love to try something new after half term and need your help. In nursery, we try to provide your child with different ways of learning and different experiences so we would like to take away ALL toys for a session and give them cardboard boxes to explore and work with. We are hoping to find their imaginations come alive and provide more speaking and listening opportunities, as well as the children working together. However, for this to happen, we need to collect as many cardboard boxes as we can. Please start to save and bring in your boxes, any shape and any size. Thank you so much for your support and help. We want to keep this session a surprise for the children so if you are able to bring some boxes in, please just let them know that Mrs McCabe needs them.

There are lots of ways for your child to gain house points for their house (team). These are:

- Home learning – completing any tasks that we may have suggested for you to do with your child.
- Tapestry – sharing any new accomplishments or WOW moments onto Tapestry such as sleeping all night in their own bed, learning to do something for the first time.
- Reading – when you have shared a library book or another book with your child, please make a comment in the reading diary to show us you have shared a book at home. We will award home reading with house points.
- Attendance – for those children who have been at nursery all week and on time, they will receive a house point every Friday.



### This week

<b>Wednesday</b>	Please make sure your child comes to Nursery wearing PE type clothes every Wednesday as we will be having time in the hall. Leggings/jogging trousers, T-shirt and trainers (with no laces please). Children will still need their spare clothes bag with them.
	<b>Book Club (11:15am or 12:30pm)</b> – Please come in and share a book with your child. 
<b>Thursday</b>	 Please make sure book bags come into Nursery on Thursday so we are ready to go to the library.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team