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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of a very busy 2021! I hope 2023 brings happiness and good health. Thank you for all your cards and presents over the Christmas period. It has been a real pleasure to see all of our pupils and families happily getting back into the swing of school after the Christmas holidays. I hope that you all managed to enjoy some rest and quality time with your families over the festive period. Huge welcome to the new parents and children, we are so happy that you are joining us at English Martyrs Nursery. I am sure that we will have a fantastic time together.

We have a very exciting term packed full of exciting learning. Our Religious Education topic is 'The Holy Family' and we will learn about Jesus' family. You can support children at home by helping them learn the sign of the cross, the lunchtime prayer and by discussing the prayers you say as a family with your child.

This half term the children will continue to develop in all of the areas of learning, based around the topic, 'Ice and Snow'. We will use this topic to allow the children to investigate a wide range of opportunities such as; ice, upcoming festivals and celebration days, nature and storytelling. The children will be able to explore learning through different media, including model making, painting, mark making, photography and stories. Children will continue their exploration of number through counting, role play and looking at numbers in the environment.

We will continue to celebrate different festivals in Nursery. One of these festivals is Chinese New Year on 12 February 2021. If you wish to share stories, photos, or memorabilia from travelling to China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia or Mauritius please bring them into school and we will share them with the class.

As always, thank you for your support in developing language and vocabulary. Children learn language and increase their vocabulary in only one way — listening to and talking to the people around them. Also reading to your child and engaging them in conversation are great ways to build their vocabulary. The richer and more abundant the language they hear daily, the more developed their own language will become.

Thank you for your brilliant support

Mrs Bracken