

Reception Newsletter - Week Beginning: 27.01.25

Term 3 Topic - What Happens in our World?



This week we have been learning about **Chinese New Year**, and the year of the Snake. In Reception we have learnt about how Chinese families celebrate the lunar new year, why there are 12 animals in the Zodiac, and we have even tried some Chinese food too! You must ask us about what we have learnt and enjoyed and look at some of our exciting photos too.


Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We have continued to focus on being resilient in our learning, daily routines and social environment. We are becoming increasingly independent with our learning and getting ready for outside time and PE. We continue to work together in a team, and we know what it means to be an 'Andy Ant'. Trying new foods this week saw lots of us be like 'Mo the Cheetah' too, by having a go and being brave to try something new. We have completed another piece of our Jigsaw puzzle, focusing on having a positive attitude and using kind words to encourage our friends. We thought about and discussed the following questions: Can you say something kind about someone else in the room? How do we all feel hearing nice things about ourselves? Could this help you achieve your goal if you have the support of your friends?

Communication and Language: We love talking and listening to develop our language skills, and we are becoming more confident in sharing our knowledge in large groups. We have retold the story of Chinese New Year, used animal masks to act out the race, and played in the role play area which has been set up this week as a Chinese restaurant.

Physical Development: We continue to improve our skills in balancing, climbing and ball games outside. We have been playing hockey a lot this week and have enjoyed running around and developing our hand-eye coordination, alongside being 'Andy Ants' developing our team skills.

Literacy: We have really enjoyed learning the story of Chinese New Year and about how people celebrate it. We explored the language we could use to describe the sweet and sour rice, and prawn crackers we tasted. Lots of children liked the words 'crunchy' and 'crispy', and some mentioned how the crackers 'fizzled' on their tongues. We continue to practice our letter formation and Fred fingers at the writing table and used this week's word mat to practice writing the animals from the Chinese New Year story. We love the reading corner and sharing books with our friends! If you have any suggestions for new books we could introduce to our reading corners, please share them with us, so we can share your children's favourite stories too! **Please remember** we change reading books throughout the week, so make sure you have your reading books and reading records in school every day, and to record your reading and sounds in your reading diaries every day.

Mathematics: This week we have focused on the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have explored many ways of making these numbers, finding 1 more and 1 less. We are becoming increasingly confident



using a ten frame and counters to represent numbers and were introduced this week to the Part-Whole model to help us with our number bonds to 5. This has reinforced our prior learning on making numbers between 0 and 5.

Understanding the World: As part of our learning this week, we found China on the globe, had a go at writing the numbers 1-10 in Chinese script and enjoyed tasting sweet and sour rice, with prawn crackers. Across Reception, the Prawn Crackers were a favourite, with many children asking for more!

With all the rain this week, we have also enjoyed playing in the puddles and mud when outside. **Please remember** we can only play in the mud, and splash in puddles if we have wellies, waterproofs and a change of tights / socks in case they get a little wet.

Expressive Arts and Design: We are always very creative individuals in Reception, and this week has been no exception. We have painted cherry blossom branches, drawn willow pattern plates, made paper chain dragons, represented the Chinese flag through collage, and stamp stars to make lanterns.

We are also becoming increasingly confident in our performing skills, demonstrating a real enthusiasm and love for playing the glockenspiels to some of our favourite nursery rhymes. Many of us are also recognising and remembering which notes to play too, which is fantastic!

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Supporting Learning at Home

- Have a race with your family or with some toys and use ordinal numbers to identify who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.
- Practice writing capital letters and matching them to their lower-case equivalent.
- Continue to read and practice your sounds every day.
- Continue to share stories with your children, discussing the plot, what the children enjoyed and thinking about what could happen next?

Notes for Next Week

- Afterschool on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, please join us at the book fair, which will take place in the hall immediately after school. You will find lots of books and perhaps some new authors to try reading with your children too!
- We still have some spaces next week on Tuesday and Thursday if you would like to be a mystery reader. This will continue after half term too, so please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a day that works well for you!

Have a lovely weekend!