

Our new topic in Reception is 'The Chinese New Year'. Here are some ways you can help support your child's learning at home:-



It's The Year of the tiger!



Communication and Language

- We will be reading stories about the Chinese New Year and the animals in the Chinese zodiac - Dragons, Rats, Snakes, tigers ..
- We will be singing Chinese themed songs, 5 green dragons, Two Tigers (in Mandarin)
- Talk to your child about what they have discovered during their time at school, letting your child recount their experiences with all their family.

Maths

- We will be looking at the animals of the Chinese Zodiac and using positional language to order them in the race 1st, 2nd, 3rd ... 12th
- We will be counting forwards and backwards to 20 every day and finding +1 -1
- We will continue learning with the composition of numbers to 10 - how many ways can you make each number? For example $6 = 5+1, 4+2, 3+3$...
- We will continue to practise forming numbers accurately

Understanding the World

- We will be discussing what animal your child was born in according to the Chinese New Year calendar - Ox, Tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake... Find out the years for different members of your family and talk to your child about this.
- It is traditional in China to clean the house on New Year's Eve - to clean away any badness from the previous year - let your child help you clean the house - we will be cleaning our class room!
- We are going to taste some Chinese food and discuss likes and dislikes. If you get a Chinese meal ask your child to talk about it!
- We will look at maps and globes to locate China

Physical Development

- We will be using the big bricks to make a real life construction - The Great Wall of China - look at some pictures on the computer at home
- We will be using pencils, crayons and scissors to draw, colour and cut out pictures, including the different animals of Chinese New Year.
- We will continue to try hard to hold and use scissors effectively - encourage your child to cut things out at home - cut forwards.

Expressive Arts and Design

- The children will be colouring in dragons, tigers and the animal of the year they were born in.
- It is the year of the tiger we are going to be making tiger puppets and having puppet shows with the animals.
- We will be playing in our Chinese restaurant and adding food to the menu.

Things to Remember:

Bring your reading book every day and don't forget to practise at home. Learn to read the tricky words as whole words

Balance Bikes - Tuesday 1st February - wear some joggers or leggings

Half Term - break up Friday 17/2/22. Back to school Monday 28/2/22

