

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 snake!



### Communication and Language

- We will be reading stories about the Chinese New Year and the animals in the Chinese zodiac - Dragons, Rabbits, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ... 12<sup>th</sup>
- We will be counting forwards and backwards to 20 every day and finding +1 -1
- We will continue learning about 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!

### 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 snakes and the animal of the year they were born in.
- It is the year of the snake - we are going to be making snake puppets and having puppet shows with the other 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 reading at home. Learn to read the tricky words as whole words. Sound book two and tricky word envelope is in the phonic folder. (updated)

Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day - parents can stay and play 9am -10 am (come dressed as a digit if you wish)

Half Term - break up Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Back to school Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.