

Early Years Newsletter



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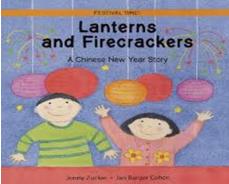
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NURSERY NEWS

We would like to begin by saying what a super end to last week we had at Nursery. During our PE session, the children danced the 'Dragon Dance' while playing a range of musical instruments. The dragon, made from boxes and materials, danced around the hall with the children inside! The children moved in a range of ways and listened to the beat of the music. Fantastic Fun!



We have been following on from our recent Chinese New Year celebrations where the children have thoroughly enjoyed a vast range of activities. This week we have been looking at a Chinese New Year Story called 'Lanterns and Firecrackers'.



The children have displayed some super physical and fine motor skills to make some fantastic lanterns of their own. They used scissors to cut and make snips in their lantern, whilst also decorating and finally constructing them. These lanterns are now hanging up in Nursery for the children to see!



Lucky Red Envelopes were designed this week. The children were very excited by this, especially as their envelopes were filled with a special chocolate to take home! The children chose which design they wanted- either Chinese symbols or a Chinese dragon. They did a fantastic job of copying the designs onto their envelope with the gold paint. Sparkly gold glitter made the final addition to their lucky envelope!



There has been a fantastic example of spontaneous learning this week, during an extremely windy day on Tuesday. We talked about the effects of the weather and discussed that it may be the ideal weather for kites. Therefore, we improvised with materials we had at Nursery to make kites, tying string onto them before heading out to the field. The children had a lovely time running across the field holding tightly onto their kites so they did not blow away!



As our letter this week has been the letter 'o', the children have had fun painting some Octopuses, and also showcasing their Numeracy skills to count the number of tentacles on their octopus. We had some amazing designs too. Fantastic!



We shared some reading time with the year 1 children this week during a 'Read Aloud' session on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see the older children spending time with the Nursery children looking at books, and vice versa. This is a lovely way for the children across the school to collaborate together and spend time with one another. Our Nursery children were so well behaved and impressed all of the Year 1 teachers!

Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at the letter 'o' this week. Once again, we have had some wonderful items brought in from home. The children love looking at these items with their friends and have a sense of pride talking about their personal items beginning with our letter sound. We shall be continuing next week with the letter 'c'.

Forthcoming Topic

After half term, Nursery are planning to discuss the important theme of 'People Who Help Us', such as doctors, firefighters, vets, opticians and many more. This will enable the children to learn about safety and services in the community, including the important jobs they do. This theme will commence on Monday 2nd March. Based on this theme, if any parents would like to come into Nursery to talk to the children regarding the job they do and what their role entails, this would be much appreciated. If you are able to visit next half term to speak to the Nursery children about any aspect of this important topic, or maybe bring in items of interest, then please speak to a member of the Nursery team. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION NEWS

We hope you've all had a wonderful week -we definitely have in Reception! This week we have started the Valentine's Day preparations early, thinking about how we show people we love and care for them. We shared the beautiful story 'Guess how much I love you' and talked in partners and as a class about what the rabbits do to show their love for each other. We then considered how we show our love for the special people in our lives. We had some beautiful ideas to write down, including doing nice things for them, being kind, giving hugs, cuddles and kisses and telling them we love them.

The children have also been busy making their own Valentine's cards; they are looking fab. I wonder who they will give them to....

In Maths this week we have moved on to shapes. We have introduced the term 2D shapes and explored what makes a shape 2D. We then went on a 2D shape hunt around school and were surprised to find that shapes are **EVERYWHERE!** We even managed to find some examples of hexagons, which took some doing.



This week we have been focusing on naming 2D shapes, discussing their properties (how many sides, whether the sides are straight or curved and how many corners/vertices) and spotting them in our environment. I wonder what 2D shapes your child can find at home.



Thank you to our lovely Year 2s for spending the afternoon with us in Reception on Wednesday for World Read Aloud Day. This day brings to attention the importance and enjoyment of sharing stories with others and that the right to read and write should belong to all people. If you can share one book a day with your child, by the time they are 5 they will have heard 1825 stories!



Each Reception child was paired up with a Year 2 child and they shared their favourite stories with each other. The children look up to the Year 2s as role models and it is exciting for them to see how their reading will progress over the next few years.



A great big thank you to all who sent in junk modelling this week for our superhero cities. They are absolutely brilliant and the children have carefully thought about what a superhero city may need—traps, dens and hideouts mainly! They are so excited to use them in their small world play.

Make sure you read next week's newsletter to find out how we got on on Superhero day! Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Important Notices

Tomorrow is our Early Years fun day. Please do come down if you have some spare time. It is on from 9am until 12pm and there will be lots to do including making jewellery, decorating biscuits, face painting, using beebots, making bath bombs and sports activities. We hope to see you there.

Next week we are reading the story 'Supertato' and we will be making superhero vegetables. Could you please send your child in with a vegetable on Monday (10th).