

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

## Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020



### **Reception**

Our week got off to a fabulous start with the news of the arrival of Mr Lees' daughter Daisy. The children have all seen a photograph and everyone is doing well. We have been learning all about Chinese New Year this week with the children finding out how there came to be years named after animals. We have learnt all of the animals and the order in which they finished the race. This has helped us learn our ordinal numbers. We have been using our scissor skills to cut out shapes and create our own dragons and in PE have been using streamers to create our own dances. We worked in pairs to make our own dances and mirrored each other's moves. We then got to perform our dances to the rest of the class. In maths this week we have continued to look at how we can represent information we find out, so have been completing tally, block and pictograms. In our phonics and kinetic letters sessions we are now having a focus on writing short sentences. We are encouraging the children to think of a sentence, and write it word by word reading back what they have already written to help them recall what comes next. Please encourage your children to write in lots of different fun ways at home. Today we have been tasting Chinese food and have been discussing our likes and dislikes. Next week we begin a new topic, about recycling and looking after our planet. We will also discuss the plastic pollution problem and the effect this has on our oceans.

### **Reminders!**

**All children must have water bottles in school please.**

**Payment is now available online for our trip, please return the dinner order reply for trip day.**

**Our first parent praise is 7<sup>th</sup> February, everyone welcome!**

### **Pre-School**

Pre-School have had such a busy week celebrating Chinese New Year! We have been using the Internet a lot this week looking at pictures and videos of how people celebrate Chinese New Year. We have learnt lots of things like we have to clean the house to get rid of bad luck, money is given in red envelopes and there are lots of different parades which include dragon and lion dances. Our home corner has now changed into a Chinese Restaurant where the children can 'cook' some Chinese food, take their orders and write down what they would like! They have loved it. We have been practising our cutting skills by creating a Chinese Lantern. I must say a lot of the children had good control over a pair of scissors so please keep practising this at home too! The children have also had the pleasure of trying some Chinese food! We had rice, noodles, sauces and the children's favourite prawn crackers.

### **Wrap Around**

Wrap around have also joined in with the fun of Chinese New Year. At the start of the week we created our own dragon by using paint one side of the paper, folding it over and watching the pattern emerge. We then stuck eyes and teeth on to it and created a dragon. This will be displayed on our All Around the World board so please keep an eye out! To fit in with our all around the world theme, we have been looking at maps and globes to point out where we live and where other different countries are too. We estimated how far it would take us to go to China, America, and Australia!

**Reminders: If your child does not stop for dinner, they do not need a bottle in school due to them having access to café all morning and afternoon. Many Thanks. Please make sure your child has wellies in school. Even though the weather is changing, we are still having fun learning outside!**

**Finally, we are desperate for more Junk Modelling for the children to get creative with! Any boxes, cardboard, plastic bottles would be greatly appreciated.**