



## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

What a busy week. This week the children have continued to be enthusiastic about The Magic Paintbrush. The children have written thank you messages to Sen in the story. They have also been finding out about Chinese Dragons and painting some lovely pictures of them.

Our maths work has involved the “part, part whole method” to investigate number bonds to 5.

We have introduced the first vowel digraphs this week (ai, ee and oo, as a long and short sound). Experience tells us that the children find the vowel digraphs particularly hard to remember so all help you can give at home (eg. playing pairs, snap etc using flash cards) would be beneficial. Next week the sounds will be oa, ar, or and igh.

In maths we will be using 10 frames to count 6,7,and 8 objects.

### Chinese New Year

Next Friday we will be celebrating Chinese New Year which is on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We would like the children to wear red and yellow clothes to school for the day instead of their school uniform.

Both classes will have Forest School on Tuesday. Goslings will go in the morning and Cygnets in the afternoon.

Both classes will have PE on Friday morning.

Thank you for all the support while I have been off with ill health. It has been good to be back with the children. We are working hard to keep the disruption to the children to a minimum until my voice is fully recovered.

Mrs Thomas.

We hope that you are as pleased with the new reading books as we are. The books are very carefully ordered in a structured and progressive way and are changed for the children on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We try to hear the children read within school as much as possible so please make sure that both books are in school every day.

It has been great to see you also using the online reading books with your child and recording this in yellow books.