



## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

The enthusiasm the children have shown for learning about Chinese New Year has been lovely. They have been so interested in the story of the Chinese New Year race and have done super writing about it. Today we have been tasting rice, noodles and some other Chinese style foods. Most of the children have been very open minded and have tried most things.

Our maths work has involved using 10 frames to count 6, 7 and 8. The majority of children have been very good at this but there remain some children who find this incredibly difficult. Next week we will be counting 9 and 10 using 10 frames.

In phonics we have continued on the phase 3 sounds, introducing the digraphs oa, ar ,or and the trigraph igh. Most children have found it hard to remember these. For the homework this week we are sending out the sounds as flash cards so that you can practice them with your child at home. Next week the sounds are ur, ow, oi and ear.

Both classes will have Forest School on Tuesday. Some children did get very cold this week so please think about appropriate clothing.

The next Stay and Play will be next Friday (January 31<sup>st</sup>) from 2:45-3:05. This session will have a phonics theme. Please wait at the Early Years door.

Please may we remind you that lip balm **MUST** be handed to an adult and must be clearly named.

Please make sure that reading diaries are in school every day.

Next week is school STEM week (Science, technology, engineering and maths). The whole school will be having a Structures theme and each year group has been given a different sub-theme. Reception has been allocated "Gardens". We have put together lots of ideas for learning activities for the week and do plan to spend quite a lot of time outdoors.

We would appreciate cardboard cereal boxes, small, clear plastic bottles and cardboard tubes for some of our activities please.