

Reception

NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing 26th January 2026



Theme: Lunar New Year

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In whole class sessions we will be:

- Exploring the customs and traditions associated with Chinese New Year.
- Using ordinal values to describe position.
- Watching and creating our own Chinese dragon dance.
- Experimenting with chopsticks to pick up objects. We will estimate then check how many we could pick up.

In phonics we will be:

Phonic Focus: ear & air trigraphs.
Learning to read high frequency words :all & are.

Focus tricky words for writing: the, to, no, go & I

Phonics

Handwriting

This week we will be focusing on the letters: 't', 'h' and 'e'. We will be forming and orientating these letters correctly. We will also be using these letters to write simple sentences and words.

At Home

- If possible, with the support of an adult, can you use the internet to search up information about Chinese new year?
- Organise 10 of your toys into a line. Use the words, first, second, third etc to describe their position.

Our Class text focus this week:

Non-fiction texts linked with Chinese new Year.

Fiction Book - Dragon in the city

Maths Focus:

We will be using the words 'first', 'then' and 'now' to help solve and describe various addition number problems. We will be writing number sentences and practising counting on. We will be using a 10's frame to help us.

Value of the Month

During the month of January our focus value is 'Independence'. Please celebrate examples of these in your own home. We would love to see any WOW forms that relate to this value.