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This week we have been learning about technology and Chinese New Year. We have explored the Chinese culture, tasted prawn crackers and watched Chinese Dragon dances. The children have enjoyed the Chinese restaurant role play that took over the playdough area. We have had many dumplings, pancakes and noodles! Yum!

At our internet safety session we talked to the children about asking for help if an unknown picture pops up on the screen rather than trying to click it off (as pop-ups often take you to other sites) and if people are being unkind when playing games online then they must again tell a grown up.

In maths we have taken away 2 from numbers to 10. We have told subtraction stories. For example, "FIRST there were five sheep in a field. THEN two escaped. NOW there are three sheep left". These sentence stems (starters) FIRST, THEN, NOW are really good to help children organise their thoughts and explain subtraction in a context. They also help children to sequence experiences when talking about what they have done.

In phonics we have learnt the phoneme th and the tricky word she. The digraph th has two sounds - the long th (moth, bath, path, thick, thin, thorn) and the short th (this, then, that, with). We practised reading words containing the th sound, and we discussed it being OK to say one sound, then if it didn't sound correct using the other way to say it. It has been a tricky digraph but the children are getting there! Any support with reading words with this digraph would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Easy Peasy App

We have an exciting project coming up, which goes live on the 2nd March. We have access to a free app that sends you a weekly link to a game to play at home to help develop all areas of learning, particularly speaking and listening skills. All EYFS families can be involved. I am organising family information sessions for the first week after the holidays. Come in for a cup of tea and a chat. More information to follow.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th February

Friday 15th February

Friday 15th February

Monday 25th February

Friday 1st March

Tuesday 5th March

Thursday 7th March

Stay and Play 1.30 - 3.15

Stay and Play 8.55 - 10.30

Break up for half term

Return to school

Mid term reports out to families

Family consultation 3 - 5pm

Family consultation 5 - 7pm

We hope that you have a lovely weekend. Mrs Houghton, Miss Horner and the Reception team.

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