



Reception Weekly Newsletter

31.1.20

This week we have learnt about celebrations, in particular Chinese New Year. We have learnt what celebration means (a special event), what different things we might celebrate (birthdays, Christmas, Chinese New Year, God at church etc) and we have learnt how people celebrate Chinese New Year (giving red envelopes with coins in for good luck, eating special foods, watching the dragon puppets dance and the lion puppets, fireworks and lanterns). The children used the sentence starter "I celebrate...by...". They did really well sharing information about their celebrations. E said "I celebrate my birthday by boogie dancing!" S said, "I celebrate God at church" and J said "At Christmas we put mince pies in the oven."

Next week we are going to be focussing on the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

In phonics this week we have learnt two new digraphs: sh (shut, fish, shop, shin, mash, dish) and ch (chip, chop, chin, chick). We have also learnt the tricky word 'she' (which is another word in the 'e' family - he, she, we, me, be). We have used all of our phonic knowledge to read and write sentences using the new letters.

In Maths our new number of the week has been 8. We have counted 8 things, counted on to, and back from, 8 and we have learnt that "One more than seven is eight" and "one less than eight is seven."

Please encourage your child to go on the Numbots online game that we sent details home for a while ago. It will help develop their maths skills. If you need another password printing out, please let us know.

Story Sacks - there will be a story sack making taster session in Reception on Monday 2nd March, to try and recruit more families to the longer course in school. It should be great fun. I will confirm the time as soon as possible.

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you ring 0113 2552526 or text the attendance number: 07706 172 385.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12 th February	8.55 - 10.30 & 1.30 - 3.15 Stay and Play - story focus
Friday 14 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th February	Back to school

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Houghton, Miss Horner and the Reception team.

If you want to ask any questions or send us any photographs of WOW moments, you can email us at:

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