

# Reception News

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## **This week in Reception**

Following a very exciting birthday celebration for our class pets at the end of last week, we have continued to learn about different types of celebrations. This week we have begun to talk about Lunar New Year. The children have enjoyed learning all about which countries celebrate this and what the associated traditions are. Many of the children chose to make red money envelopes (see if they can remember the significance of the colour red!), paper lanterns or have a go at writing Chinese letters. Some of the children were chosen to cook some Asian-style noodles and most wanted to practise using chopsticks.

## **Phonics:**

We have learnt four new sounds this week; oo, oo, ar and or. We have also reviewed the tricky words and, push, was, you, they.



## **Numbers:**

This week in numbers, the children learnt about '1 more than' and how to represent this using staircase formations. This allowed for lots of exploration using different kinds of construction resources and created opportunities for the children to explain and deepen their understanding. Bears also touched upon composition of number by investigating which smaller numbers can be found hiding inside bigger numbers (e.g. inside 8 there is 4, 2 and 2).

## **Speak Out, Stay Safe Week**

In assembly, as part of the NSPCC's work on speaking out in order to support each other, the children heard the story, 'Felicity's Wishes'. This celebrates diversity and that we all have different skills to offer. If we then support each other, we can create a successful, happy team.

### **Next week:**

Next week we will be continuing to learn all about Lunar New Year and how people around the world celebrate this. The children will be making some Lunar New Year cards and preparing for our end of the week dragon and lion dance!

This weekend, you may like to find out which animal is important this coming year and which animal year family members are born in.

### **Reading:**

Reception have been excited to get back into their reading groups. As always, please ensure that **book bags are returned each Monday with both the Little Wandle phonics book and the reading for pleasure book inside.** We are still missing a number of our new Little Wandle phonics books.

### **Reception playground improvements:**

Thank you for those parents who have very helpfully walked the long way around between the two playgrounds. You will see that our new Reception playground is coming along nicely and the children are incredibly excited about the changes that are taking place! We really appreciate your understanding during these improvements.

### **Request for spare clothes:**

We are still incredibly low on spare clothing in Reception. If your child has borrowed any of our spare clothing, we would be grateful if you could ensure that these items are returned to us ASAP. Likewise, if you have any old clothes that you are considering getting rid of (ages 4-6 years), we would be very thankful for any donations. **We are especially short of trousers, as none have been returned to us.**

### **Boxes and bed sheets please!**

As has become tradition in Reception at Kilmore, we like to end our period of learning about Lunar New Year with a dragon dance, performed to their friends. In order to do this, we would be grateful for some donations of old white bed sheets, red fabric and medium and large boxes, which the children can then decorate and use as their costumes.

The Reception Team

