

Reception News

27.1.23

This week in Reception

This week we continued to learn all about Lunar New Year and the places where this is celebrated. Each class did a range of activities including making decorative rabbits (utilising their cutting and sticking skills), rabbit masks, rabbit fact sheets (to practise spelling and writing) and preparing their large Chinese dragon and lion costumes made from boxes and bedsheets (great for teamwork!). This culminated in the children performing a fantastic lion and dragon dance outside!



Phonics:

We have learnt four new sounds this week; ow, ur, oi, ear. We have also reviewed the tricky words was, you, they, my, by.



ur oi ow ear

Number:

This week we continued to think about composition of number (knowing that numbers are made up of two or more other smaller numbers), focusing specifically on number 5.

The children explored this in a range of active ways such as throwing 5 items into a hoop and identifying which were inside and which out, counting an abstract amount by listening to stones being dropped into a receptacle, and trying to figure out how many items were missing from a group after some were hidden. As always, we encourage the children to find ways of recording their mathematical findings and verbally explain their reasoning.



Next week:

Next week we will be learning all about the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, which will provide lots of opportunities for the children to share and build on their existing knowledge of the natural world. Go to www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch to find out more about how you can get involved at home!

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.**

Request for scrap wood:

We feel that the Reception children are now ready to learn how to safely use hammers and nails, with adult supervision. This is something we have done in previous years and it is great way to develop better hand-eye coordination and greater self-confidence. **With this in mind, we would welcome any donations of small pieces of scrap wood (free of nails) for the children to use.**

National Education Union Strike on Wednesday 1st February:

We are sure that you are all aware that the school will be closed on Wednesday 1st February due to a national teaching strike. Please refer to Julie's correspondence for more information regarding this.

The Reception Team

