



This half term

Our new topic is **Old & New** – we will be looking at new beginnings and things we would like to get better at or change. We will celebrate Chinese New Year and use books such as *The Runaway Wok* and *The Gingerbread Man* as well as other stories with a similar structure. We will be focussing on PSED (Personal Social Emotional Development) – our feelings, managing change, expressing how we feel appropriately and developing learning and friendship skills. Our workshop at the Horniman Museum will be based on the Lunar New Year. Also, please check the back of your child's reading journal for the **maths games** sheet mentioned previously so you can let us know if you're unlikely to use them. Just write NO THANKS across the sheet. Many thanks!

Dates for your diary:

Horniman Trip - **Tigers:** Weds 22nd, **Bears:** Thurs 23rd, **Lions:** Friday 24th.
Thank you to all who have offered to support on this trip.

Phonics

Next week the children will start in their new groups based on their learning style, confidence and recall. We have told them which group they are going to be in and will do lots of settling activities to help this transition.

Next week:

We will be introducing our PSED characteristics animals beginning with *Concentrating Crocodile*:
I can join in and concentrate.

We will discuss how we show that we're concentrating, what we get from it and acknowledging when the characteristic is displayed during learning and play.



We will learn about Chinese New Year and why this is celebrated, find out which is our zodiac animal, as well as trying out some of the traditions associated with this celebration – good luck envelopes, Chinese writing as well as making and trying some different foods.

Have a lovely weekend!