

Mrs Madden's Class News

Friday 1st March 2024

This week we began to learn about 'Chinese/Lunar New Year'. The children loved the story about 'The Great Race', learning why the years are named after animals. This year is the Year of the Dragon – which represents authority, prosperity and good fortune. As part of our classroom 'Chinese New Year' activities, we located China on a map, learnt about Chinese writing and how it differs to how we write. They practised their fine motor skills by placing pom poms onto some Chinese Lions. The concentration and care they took was fantastic. The children are loving the Chinese Restaurant role play area we've set up! Every visitor we get is offered a lovely meal; we declined the offer of 'gin' by one child though! 😊

Cutting skills have been our focus again this week. We've talked about how to hold scissors safely around the classroom. We talked about the various scissors available for the children to use to support the stage they're at. They also had the opportunity to cut up parsley plants and use the pestle and mortar – I couldn't resist snapping up the reduced parsley pots whilst I was shopping this week! Next week, they can make a Chinese dragon practising their cutting skills.

In PE, we've been getting our dance moves ready for the PTA disco. Next week in PE, we will do some Chinese Cosmic Yoga and learn some Chinese dance moves.

We will end next week with our annual 'Chinese banquet' – a highlight of the EYFS calendar!

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7th March – dress up as a story character.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. 😊

Mrs Madden