

Learning in the Spring Term 1

Foundation Stage

During the spring term the theme will be:

'What does Kung Hei Fat Choy mean?'



Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas with your family and friends and that you are ready for a new year of learning. We have lots of exciting things to fit into this short half term.

Our learning journey this half term will be finding out about how different countries celebrate the New Year, in particular the Chinese New Year. We plan to celebrate with our own Chinese Banquet.

We will be active in our learning by:

Persisting at activities and increasing our levels of concentration on a task. We will also reflect on the way we do things and talk about how things could be made better.

Through playing and exploring, we will:

Have a go at lots of new activities and join in with different experiences at school like our Chinese Banquet.

By creating and thinking critically, we will:

Look for ways to solve our own problems and become more independent. We will help our friends and develop our team work skills.

Home Learning:

We will continue to send home letter fans as the children learn new sounds. The sounds we will learn this half term will be digraphs - these are two letters that make one sound. Please continue to practise sight words and read regularly at home.

Reminder:

Training Day - 19th January

The physical skills we will be developing are:

Controlling a ball by throwing, catching, rolling and kicking.

Working with a partner to pass a ball without dropping it.

Balancing and holding a fixed position.

Making small and big shapes with our bodies and combine moving with being still.

Managing our personal hygiene and understanding the importance for good hygiene when around animals.

Can I please remind children that the playground equipment is not to be used before or after school. Children should be stood with a grown-up before and after school.

The Personal, Social and Emotional skills we will be developing are:

Setting ourselves targets and aiming to meet these.

As Speakers and Listeners, we will:

Learn new vocabulary linking to the Chinese New Year. We will use talk to help us develop our writing style using the approach 'Talk for Writing'.

What does Kung Hei Fat Choy mean?

As Readers and Writers, we will:

Continue to learn our letters and sounds and practise writing these, ensuring we are forming our letters correctly. Look at how a sentence is formed using words, finger spaces and punctuation. We will begin to write words in sequence with finger spaces. We will use the texts Polar Bear, Polar Bear, Chicken Licken and The Little Red Hen as stimuli for our learning. We will look at different features of non-fiction and fiction texts and look at fact files for different animals.

As Information Technologists, Investigators and Explorers, we will:

Learn to record our own sound tracks to a story.

Find out about different climates and different weather. Talk about the properties of materials and how we use some materials for a purpose.

As Mathematicians, we will:

Find the total of 2 groups when we combine them together. Use the language add, take away and equals to talk about combining groups to find a new total.

Solve simple addition and subtraction problems to 10 and begin to work up to numbers within 20.

Use estimation to have a 'sensible guess' at how many are in a group and check by counting.

Find out how to read data and use a block graph to record our own data.

Measure using non standard measures and compare items according to height.

As Creators, we will:

Create collages using colours that make us think about being hot and cold.

Learn different techniques to make Chinese lanterns and dragons.