

# Reception Newsletter

12th February 2016

## This week in Reception

A busy week this week starting on Monday when the children finished making their Chinese lanterns to decorate our classroom for the celebration of Chinese New Year. At the end of the day all children throughout the school were given a lucky red envelope containing a golden coin to bring them luck for the year ahead as well as a fortune cookie.

The cinema visit went very well on Wednesday and was very worthwhile especially when we found out this was the first visit to the cinema for some children. It was a lovely way to finish off our topic on dinosaurs. Once there the children received a goody box containing popcorn, a drink and chocolate. As usual the children's behaviour was excellent and as we left one of the children asked could we come again. The reply was "yes" of course! When we came back to school we wrote a cinema review reporting on what we thought about the film and if we would recommend it to the nursery children. Our writing is really progressing well. All children are hearing and writing the letter sounds in words and are beginning to use groups of letters to represent certain phonemes demonstrating the impact of the daily Letters and Sounds session. Some children are starting to leave spaces between words but this is something we will be continuing to work on. Over the past half-term we have been writing lists, labels and captions. Maybe ask your child to help you write a shopping list.

Happy Valentine's Day-We hope you like your valentine hearts, the children spent a long time threading the wool through the holes to create the pattern around the heart. Good practice for their fine motor skill development which helps when writing.

In the water/sand tray we have been working on capacity. How many cups will fill the containers? This involves the children estimating first then counting so lots of maths skills are being used. We have also been doing more work on **one less**. Children are doing really well with **one more** but struggle sometimes with **one less**. Maybe at tea time, 4 tomatoes, one less will be.....? The children being able to see you physically **take one away** would help their understanding in this.

Thanks to the parents who have returned the questionnaire for Miss Lawrenson. If you would like to take part in the survey on role play it can still be returned after the half-term holiday.

Enjoy the week ahead. Let's hope the weather improves!

*Best Wishes*

*Reception Staff*

