

Our Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friday 12th February 2016



This week has seen us learning all about the Chinese New Year. We quickly learnt that quite a few families had visited China Town over the weekend to see the celebrations and we encouraged the children to talk about what they had seen on their visit into town (the children were very excited to talk about the huge dragons that they had seen dancing about in the streets!)



We have also watched some video clips on the computer from the CBeebies website "Let's Celebrate - Chinese New Year". This helped the children understand how Chinese families prepare for and celebrate the new year. We read some books too and found out how the animals of the Chinese Zodiac decided who would have which year named after them - the children were surprised to find out that the clever rat had won the race across the river by riding on the ox's back ☺



Our classroom activities this week have seen us focusing quite heavily on the development of the children's fine motor skills. The children have used scissors to cut their own Chinese lantern - it was very tricky trying to snip the paper independently and even harder to follow the lines on the coloured card and cut in a straight line! When the children had finished their cutting, they then decorated their lanterns with glittery paper and threaded beads onto their pipe cleaner handles so that we could

hang up the lanterns - it was definitely worth all the hard work, we think that the lanterns look stunning! The children then went on help fold concertina bodies for the Chinese Dragons that they have coloured in and brought home today in their homework bags - its been a very productive week ☺



The children have also been practising their threading on the beautiful Valentine's Day cards that they have brought you home - it took a lot of concentration to thread the shiny ribbon through the holes on the heart shapes - we think the children's hard work paid off though and we hope you like your cards ☺

We finally finished off our week on Chinese New Year by trying some Chinese food for our snack today. The children were all given the opportunity to try several different foods including prawn crackers, prawn toast, chicken wontons, vegetable spring rolls and some sweet chilli dipping sauce. The children have also brought home a fortune cookie and a lucky red envelope containing a chocolate coin and some lucky candy ☺



Mrs Jones

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