

The Heights Primary School



Reception Parent Planner: Spring 1 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers

This term our theme is: **Journeys** This week our theme is: **"Chinese New Year"**

Our sounds/words this week are /ow/oi Tricky words: **revise my, was, you, they, her, all, are**

Our numbers this week are: **20-100 (or more)**

This week we will be covering the following in our seven areas of learning:

Communication and Language	Retell the Chinese New Year story. Learn new vocabulary related to theme
Personal Social and Emotional Development	Explore how Chinese New year is celebrated. Develop an understanding that friends and people in our community have different cultures and beliefs
Physical Development	Multi-skills PE session. Dough Disco and Finger Gym, Dance: work with others to create a Chinese Dragon Dance. Dance: Hickory, Dickory Dock
Literacy	Write the Chinese New Year Story in sequence. Try writing some Chinese characters and phrases
Mathematics	Ordinal numbers (first, second, third etc), Lucky Envelope totals: find money totals using 1p 2p (and 5p) coins
Expressive Arts and Design	Chinese New Year art and craft eg. cherry blossom cards, Lion and dragon puppets, Chinese lanterns
Understanding the World	IT: decorate a dragon, make a Chinese New Year scene, create a lantern festival picture. Explore how Chinese New Year is celebrated and explore Chinese artefacts, books and videos

Please support your child by practising the sounds in their phonics book, their blending cards and helping them to explore and read their school reading book every day for 5-10 minutes using the guide in their Reading communication diary.

You can also help your child with their learning this week by..... *giving them small sets of 1p/2p coins and helping them find the total. Add in larger denomination coins if they need further challenge*

Parent and child challenge for the term!

Can you help your child to ... find a ways to melt an ice cube. Test how long it takes to melt in a dish indoors. Then find some ways to make it melt faster. Can your child think of a way to record the results? Please do send in/email some photos of your child's ideas and their results. Have fun!

If you have any questions about how to help your child with their learning please see your child's teacher. If you would like to become more involved in school life please see the PTFA website: and/or speak to your child's teacher about when/how we can accommodate you. We are always looking at ways to include our parent's in school life.

Best wishes

The Reception Team

NB: We would love to send the children home with Chinese New Year "Lucky envelopes". If you can spare some small change – 1p and 2p coins so that we can put real money in these, we would be thrilled to receive it.