

## Maths

Numbers are worked on each week in a variety of forms such as; counting forward and backwards, recognising digits, ordering numbers, knowing the numbers that come in between 2 numbers as well as finding the one that comes before or after a number. We are beginning now to work with numbers to 20 too as well as doubling and halving numbers.

This term we will continue to work on simple addition and subtraction, using practical apparatus as well as the language that goes with each of these such as more, plus, fewer, less etc. We will be working hard to learn to form our numbers correctly too – some practise of this at home would be good.

## Important Dates!

We have two WOW days this term.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February: On this day we will be celebrating Chinese New Year so we would like your son/ daughter to come to school wearing something red. However if you do have any Chinese styled clothing then they may wear that instead.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: This is the first day of our topic on colour so we thought it would be fun to hold a year R multi day. Please send your child dressed either in their favourite colour or wearing as many colours as you can!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Reception Year Group Assembly at 9am in the school hall – details to follow



# Welcome to the Reception Spring Newsletter

We are after the following items; buttons, ribbon, envelopes, party invitations or other similar stationery. Many thanks.

This term we have lots of exciting topics that we are sure the children will really enjoy! They are:

6/1 - Diversity week and North Pole  
11/1, 18/1 & 25/1 - Books by Julia Donaldson  
1/2 - Books by Shirley Hughes (the Alfie stories)  
8/2 – Chinese New Year  
22/2 – Colour  
29/2 & 7/3 - Dinosaurs  
14/3 & 21/3 – Spring & Easter

If you have any resources you think might be helpful for any of these topics please do let us know.  
Thanks in advance.

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our annual Chinese New Celebrations. We will have spent the start of the week getting ourselves ready and then, on the day, will be having a Chinese banquet. During that Thursday morning we will be cooking Chinese food in readiness for an afternoon of dragon dancing and music followed by the feast!

In order for this to take place we need lots of parent helpers; in the morning to cook with the children and in the afternoon to help prepare and serve the banquet. If you are able to help on that day and have and up to date DBS check, please let any of the class reps know.

*We will be cooking several times this term.  
We would be grateful if you could pay a voluntary contribution of £3 per child, to cover the cost of ingredients for the term.  
This can be paid online through Tucasi.*



## Literacy

We will be sending home a 'tricky word' book each week containing three common words we would like the children to learn to read on sight, rather than sounding out e.g. the, are.

As you are probably aware we split the children into 4 groups for letters and sounds sessions three times a week. Here we work on phonics for both reading and writing. Each time the group begins to work on a new letter blend or digraph such as 'sh' or 'ay', we will add a new sticker to their phonics book. It really does help them to retain these sounds if they are reminded of them regularly so we ask that you try to look at the whole book 2 or 3 times a week.

We are also beginning to teach our tricky cursive letters this term. Each week we will be learning a new set of letters which we will be sending home so that you can support at home. There will be a meeting to show you how we form our letters and how you can support with this at home. This will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45 in RM. Please enter via the gate to our outdoor area. We look forward to seeing you then. If you can't make the meeting we will be sending home a handout containing the information from the session.

**If your child is not having milk in the spring term then please send them to school with a named water bottle.**

**On that note also could we ask that everything your child brings to school is clearly named. Thank you.**