

## 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 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, including Numicon, 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 write numbers to 20 correctly too. There are still a few Numicon Home Packs available to buy from the office.

## Important Dates!

We have two WOW days this term.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</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.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February: This is the first day of our topic on colour so we thought it would be fun to hold a year R mufti day. Please send your child dressed either in their favourite colour or wearing as many colours as you can!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

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



# Reception Spring Newsletter



We are after the following items; buttons, ribbon, envelopes, party invitations or other similar stationery as well as small world toys, such as people and animals. Many thanks.

This term we have lots of exciting topics that we are sure the children will really enjoy! They are:  
9/1, 16/1 & 23/1 - Books by Julia Donaldson  
30/1 - Chinese New Year  
6/2 – Books by Shirley Hughes (the Alfie stories)  
20/2 & 27/2 – Colour  
6/3 & 13/3 – Dragons, Princes and Princesses  
20/3 – Spring  
27/3 - 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 2<sup>nd</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 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 a current 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 should be paid online.*



## 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 to sound out.

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 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 your child with this. There will be a meeting to show you how we form our letters and how you can best support at home. This will take place on Thursday 12<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.

**Even if your child has milk we would ask that you still send in a named water bottle. These should not be placed in book bags as clearly they may leak! Thanks.**

**On that note, we ask that everything your child brings to school is clearly named.**