

## 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, 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 etc. We will also be working hard to learn to write numbers to 20 correctly too. The children will also begin to record their work in ways that they can explain.

## Important Dates!

We have two WOW days this term.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January: 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 9<sup>th</sup> March: 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 either dressed in their favourite colour or wearing as many colours as you can!

Thursday 19<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 many exciting topics that we are sure the children will really enjoy! They are;  
6/1, 13/1 & 20/1 - Books by Julia Donaldson  
During the week beginning 20/1 we will also be joining in with a whole school project on plastic pollution in the world's oceans and thinking about what we can do to help.

27/1 - Chinese New Year

3/2 & 10/2 – Books by Shirley Hughes

24/2 & 2/3 – Dragons, Princes and Princesses

9/3 & 16/3– Colour & Holi

23/3 & 30/3 – 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 30<sup>th</sup> January, 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 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. There will be small charge for this, which we will add to the cost of our summer term trip.*



Just a reminder that children may bring notebooks and pencils to school to play with at break times. They may not bring toys.



## English

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', 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 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.50 in Elm classroom. Please enter via the gate to our outdoor area. We look forward to seeing you then. If you are unable to make the meeting, please be assured that we will be sending home a handout containing the information from the session.

## Library

Just to remind you that both classes visit the library every Friday. The library system has been rather temperamental this year, but we are hoping that children will be able to take a book out each week. We recommend that you keep this book in their book bag, so that it can be returned each week.

**From now on, we will no longer be offering milk to the children. Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day. Please don't put these in book bags as clearly they may leak!**

Thanks.