

This Week's Learning

Welcome to this week's Talk Newsletter, our learning this week is based around the Chinese New Year. It is the year of the **tiger**.

We will be making Chinese New Year cards and we will be eating stir fry and prawn crackers. Children will explore rice and noodles using chopsticks.

In P.E we will be moving like the animals from the Chinese New Year and doing a dragon dance.

Children also get the opportunity to go on the cars and bikes on the middle playground.

Please don't forget to send in money to fill the PTA Bottle Challenge.

Please return any outstanding Funding Forms by tomorrow so that your child's funding can be processed.



Muddy Monday Dates: 31st January, 14th February, 7th March, 21st March, 4th April, 9th May, 23rd May, 13th June, 27th June, 11th July.

Word Ninja of the Day



empty-nothing in it

fortune-luck

calendar- a chart or series of pages showing the days, weeks, and months of the year, or giving particular seasonal information.

banquet- an elaborate and formal meal for many people.

emperor- a sovereign ruler of an empire.

Talk about what these words mean.

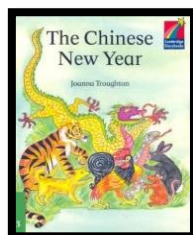
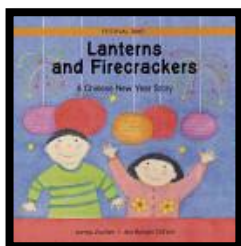
Can your child use these words correctly in a sentence?

Help them by modelling a sentence for them.

Colour of the Week: green

Shape of the Week: triangle (3 sides that don't need to be all the same length and 3 corners)

Story of the Week: Lanterns and Firecrackers and the Chinese New Year



Rhyme of the Week:

"Let's all give a cheer"

It's Chinese New Year

Let's all give a cheer

One dragons, two dragons

Three dragons, four

Five dragons, six dragons

Seven dragons more.

One lion, two lions,

Three lions, six lions,

Seven lions more.

Poem of the Week:

"Crabby"

I am a crab

Who walks the shore

And pinches toes all day long

If I were you

I'd wear some shoes

And not get in my way



Phonics Activities

- Print off or draw a range of familiar pictures for your child to look at and say. Practice listening for the initial sounds in words and see if you can match two pictures that start with the same sound! For example, dog, duck and dinosaur all begin with the 'd' sound and snake, soup and sock all start with the 's' sound.
- Putting objects in a 'feely' bag and playing a guessing game can be lots of fun. Fill a bag or pillowcase with a handful of items from around the home, such as a toothbrush, comb, teddy, spoon and building block, then get your child to reach inside and pull one out. Can they say what the item is, and recognise and identify its initial sound? "t, t, teddy!" "s, s, sock."

Take a picture of what you find and send it to the class DOJO.

Mathematics

- Provide boxes to contain toys and other items (perhaps with picture labels) and encourage your child to organise the items into groups, e.g. putting all the teddy bears together and cars in a separate pile
- Use the language of size (big/ small/ long/ short/ tall/ wide) in your everyday conversations and ask simple questions, e.g. "Can you make a big tower?"

Take a picture of what you find and send it to the class DOJO.

Reminders

Please can we ask parents to remember to make the weekly £1.00 donation to the Pre-school fund, this helps us provide a snack of crackers, biscuits etc. to your child, we are also starting to cook and buy resources to enhance the theme of the week.

It can be paid in advance or on a weekly basis.

Please keep reminding your child to wash their hands and to sanitise on entry to Pre-school.

If your child comes home in Pre-school clothes, please return as we are running low on spare clothes.

Pre-school sessions run from 8.45-11.45 (gate closes at 9am) and 12.30-3.30 (we release from 3.15pm) The gate on the top playground closes around 3.25pm.

Please keep us up to date with absences and reasons why your child may not be in school via the class DOJO or emailing preschool@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk.

Have a good week
The Pre-school Team