


<p>Week beginning 8.2.21</p>	<p>We`ve finished our topic on Jack Frost, but if your child has any favourite activities or you`ve not had chance to try everything, please feel free to look back through the previous weeks work and give it a go.</p> <p>This week you`re in for a treat! It`s the Chinese New Year festival which lasts for 14 days, so this will be the focus for this week. As ever, you can do the tasks in the order given on this sheet, or you can pick and choose to suit yourself.</p> <p><b>We encourage all of our children to be proud of themselves and their beliefs. We also teach them about other people`s beliefs and opinions, as tolerance towards others is a vital skill. The children need to become aware of traditions and ways of life that they might not be so familiar with. As they grow, they will begin to understand that the notion of being a good person is something to strive for and anyone of any faith or belief can achieve this. Finding out about something that is different to what they are used to is enriching, they might be able to see that many things unite us and we`re not so different from one another after all!</b></p> <p>Hope you enjoy what`s in store this week.....</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>Phonics day</p> <p>Learning letters and their sounds How to teach these sounds in reading and writing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a quick look at the sounds we`ve already covered. Show your child these sounds and ask them to say them. Once you`ve written them down or lay the letter cards in front of them, ask them to point to the sound m,s,a,d. It takes a while before your child is able to write a sound you say to them but you can try.</li> <li>• Now try saying the formation rhyme eg "Down the tower, across the tower", "Around the apple and down the leaf" etc, and ask your child to write the letter. You might need to guide their hand to do this if they find it difficult. They might like to say the rhyme to you for you to write.</li> <li>• Play a Magic Game - Collect 1 item per letter eg m - marble, a- apple, s- sock, d- dish, t- toothbrush. Place these on a tray and ask your child to name them all. Next, cover the tray of items (this is the magic part!) with a teatowel, and you remove one of these items. When you reveal the tray, your child has to guess which item is missing.</li> <li>• Mrs Boyes shows you all these activities on ClassDojo.</li> </ul>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Story Day</p> <p>Tuning in and listening carefully to stories. Asking and answering questions. Enjoying sharing books and looking at print and pictures</p>	<p>What`s your favourite story? Who are the characters? Where does the story happen? Why do you enjoy it so much? Do you look at it in a book? Do you know it well enough to retell it without looking at the book?</p> <p>There are many stories from China based on the celebration of the New Year. Lots of these were never written but were stories people used to tell one another so you would have to make the pictures up in your head using your imagination as you listen to the story. Most of the Chinese New Year stories involve a Great Emperor and a group of animals who take part in a race across a river. This is a good version <a href="https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/the-great-race">https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/the-great-race</a></p> <p>This version is told using shadow puppets which is a popular Chinese style of storytelling. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-chinesenewyearperformance">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-chinesenewyearperformance</a></p> <p>Now you`ve watched and listened to the story of the race, can you and your grown up retell it to someone else without using any pictures?</p>

	<p>This link shows the traditional Chinese story and celebrations  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVPHdFX9iHY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVPHdFX9iHY</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Creative Day</b></p> <p>Having ideas about what we are learning. How to express these ideas</p>	<p>There are many activities you could try based on Chinese New Year, here`s my selection but you`re welcome to search for more and tell me how you found them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a simple Chinese dragon puppet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paint two wooden sticks red.</li> <li>○ Tie a length of string between them and tie short lengths of coloured ribbon along the string.</li> <li>○ Add a face to one end and you have a super dancing dragon.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Use the internet to search how to make Fortune Cookies to make as gifts for your family and friends.</li> <li>• Make lucky money envelopes from red paper and decorate them. Put a small amount of money inside and give your lucky envelope to them to wish them Good Luck.</li> <li>• Make a simple Chinese lantern from card or paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fold the paper in half, then from the fold line to the other side, without cutting all the way to the edge of the paper.</li> <li>○ Unfold the paper and staple the short ends of the paper together. Cut a strip of paper and staple it on to make a handle. <b>Mrs Boyes shows you how on ClassDojo.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>These links show you how Chinese families living in Britain get ready for the festival. Which festival have you celebrated recently (Christmas)? How did you prepare for that? How are the festivities the same - cleaning, decorating, involving family, sending and writing good will messages, giving presents, wearing special clothes, thinking of a special story.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cRMRp9-Z08">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cRMRp9-Z08</a> how families celebrate Chinese new year</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8ssHXZ9_qU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8ssHXZ9_qU</a> preparing for Chinese new year - cleaning, clothes etc</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Movement Day</b></p> <p>Practising large scale movements eg swing arms, jumping, running.  Fine motor skills eg using a pencil, scissors.</p>	<p>There are lots of clips of dragon and lion dances to search for on the internet. People work as a team using large puppets with sticks, fabric and ribbon pretending to be the head and the body of these animals, it`s really tiring work but looks amazing! Watch this clip of a Chinese dragon dance and then try your own, you`ll need a big empty space, maybe outside would be best. Your grown up could take photos of you doing this. If you have an empty large box or washing up bowl, decorate it and pretend it`s the head!!</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dw9c/go-jettters-series-3-25-chinese-new-year-dragon-dance-drama">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dw9c/go-jettters-series-3-25-chinese-new-year-dragon-dance-drama</a></p> <p>The colour red is thought to be lucky in Chinese folklore. Can you find as many red clothes as you possible? Can you put them on yourself? Try to do any zips, buttons, fastenings yourself. Grown ups, your child being independent is important, so let them try even if they struggle a little, it`s all good practice!</p> <p>Choosing to healthy food is always encouraged. Can you think of tasty, healthy ingredients to make a stir fry? I`m going to include peppers, broccoli, sweetcorn, carrots and onion in mine with a dash of soy sauce. Serve with rice or noodles. Maybe you could help to prepare these vegetables, help to cook and serve, and even try using chopsticks if you have them.</p>

	<p>You will need your `comfy grip` for this job. <b>Mrs Boyes shows her version of this on Dojo.</b> Here are some examples of Chinese scroll paintings <a href="https://www.thavibu.com/china/">https://www.thavibu.com/china/</a> . You will need a long piece of paper, wallpaper would work well, and 2 sticks to attach to either end. Decorate your paper with a pattern, picture or writing and then roll it up to make your own scroll painting.</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>Maths Day</b></p> <p><b>Developing counting and number skills. Recognising and using numbers. Looking at shape and measurement.</b></p>	<p>Those celebrating Chinese New Year enjoy playing games, often with shapes. Follow this link to a tangram game where you need to rearrange shapes to make a picture or pattern. <a href="https://www.abcya.com/games/tangrams">https://www.abcya.com/games/tangrams</a></p> <p>Chinese numbers and writing looks different to what we`re used to. Have a look at these numbers to 10. Can you copy them? Can you match the numbers together? <a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-g-114-0-10-numbers-in-mandarin-chinese-flash-cards">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-g-114-0-10-numbers-in-mandarin-chinese-flash-cards</a></p>