

# YEAR: Reception    TERM: Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half

## This term our theme is Chinese New Year

**This half term we will be learning all about festivals including Chinese New Year with some time focused on Dragons.**

### Sparkling Learning

This half term we will be continuing to build upon our good learning behaviours. Our focus will be on developing a 'Growth Mindset' to ensure we are able to tackle different challenges confidently. We will also be exploring and developing our own challenges to move our learning on and improve what we can do.



### Our Exciting Curriculum

We have lots of exciting events and activities to look forward to this term which will help us in our learning these include:

Stunning Start: We will be setting up a Chinese Restaurant roleplay area.

Magical Middle: We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, it is on the 16<sup>th</sup> February this year, but we will be celebrating it earlier as this falls in half term.

Fantastic Finale: We will be having a Chinese New Year Parade around our school hall which we will invite you to.

### Dates and reminders to parents

Remember the classroom is open every Tuesday 3.15-3.30pm to pop in and see your child's work, we would like to show you what your children has been learning.

Please try to continue to share photos of your child's home learning via Tapestry this term.

### English

We will be learning about the Chinese New Year Story and learning to tell some stories off by heart. We will be reading and telling some Dragon Poems and even finding out information from Non-Fiction books.

### Phonics

We will be continuing to embed and correctly form the first group of sounds. We will be applying these sounds into our reading and writing as well as moving onto set 2 sounds when we are ready for them.

### Mathematics

We will learn to complete simple addition and subtraction problems practically using a variety of objects and toys. We will be revising one more and one less and learning to count in twos and tens. We will be learning to order and compare objects by weight using balance scales. We will be learning about time including the months of the year, our birthdays and how to measure short periods of time. We will be sorting numbers and objects into groups and graphs.

Physical development, we will be continuing to develop our dance skills by moving to different types of world music. We will be learning a Chinese Dragon Dance. We will also be continuing to develop our muscles for writing through funky fingers activities.

Communication and Language, we will be learning new words related to Chinese New Year and thinking about how we put our ideas into clear sentences. We will be using our learning friends to continue to share our ideas and develop our listening skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be learning about different feelings and to be able to express how we feel at different times. We will also be working hard to solve problems including dealing with issues that arise with friends.

Understanding the world, we will be learning about Chinese New Year and comparing it to our own Christmas and New Year celebrations. We will also be learning about the country of China including major landmarks and Chinese food and comparing it to the place we live. We will also be learning more about different cultures by understanding we can find information from books and computers.

Creative Arts, we will be creating Chinese Drums and a class dragon to use during our own Chinese Dragon Dance. We will also be encouraging the children to draw, paint and make their own ideas and share them with their friends.

Religious Education, we will be continuing to learn about how candles are used for different purposes and about the story candle which helps us to be still and reflect. We will then go on to learn about Bible Stories.