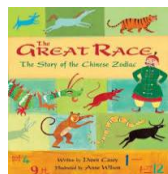


Juniper Hill School

Information for Reception Parents

Term: Spring 1 **Topic:** Chinese New Year
(Year of the Horse)

1-week topic starting 9.2.26



Topic work

We will be looking at traditional foods that are eaten during **Chinese New Year** and all the children will have an opportunity to taste some Chinese food including noodles, soy sauce, sweet and sour sauce and prawn crackers.

The children will be acting out and making music for a traditional dragon dance and making Chinese New Year puppets.

Literacy

We will be reading and acting the story of 'The Great Race', thinking about how different animals move and behave. As this year is the **year of the horse**, we will be focusing on this animal in the story. We will also be looking at **non-fiction books** and video clips to learn about how Chinese and Lunar New Year are celebrated around the world. For writing, children will be writing a simple sentence for the story, focussing on **finger spaces** as well as **letter formation**.

Ways you can help

We would welcome any resources you may have related to Chinese New Year including any Chinese artefacts, chopsticks or Chinese bowls. Chinese New Year falls on **17th February this year**. There will be lots of celebrations taking place in **London on February 21st and 22nd** which the children may see on the news on the television - you may even want to visit yourself! If you do- please don't forget to send us photos!

Maths

In theme with our topic this week, we will be **comparing** our numbers to **Chinese symbols** and will be having a go at reading and writing them ourselves!

We will be consolidating our knowledge of **one more and one less** as well as **pairs** for a strong foundation when introducing **pair-wise patterns**.

On top of patterns, we will also explore **5-wise patterns** applying our knowledge of using tens frames and subitising. Additionally, prior knowledge from our previous topic will be woven into our continuous provision, including **comparing lengths** of different animals.

Reminders

- Reading: We cannot change the children's reading material unless we have seen it has been recorded at least 2-3 times in the children's reading journal. Please see us if you have any questions regarding the reading/ Oxford Owl.
- Forest School: **Wrens** will have their first forest school session on Tuesday 3rd March. Please ensure your child comes to school in their own clothes (appropriate for outdoor weather) and any other clothes in a labelled carrier bag. A letter will be sent out after half term with more info.