

Peek at the Week

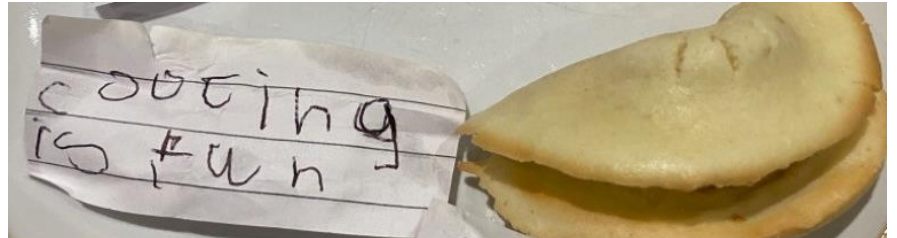
Friday 12th February



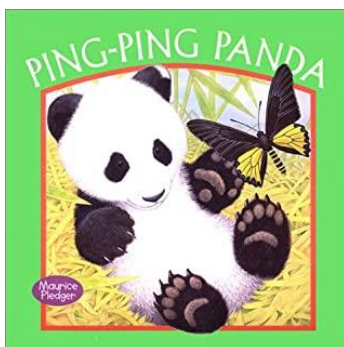
This week we learnt all about Chinese New Year. We watched video clips that explained how families prepare for the festivities and how the new year is celebrated. Some of us also compared this with our own family traditions and celebrations. One of the ways in which people celebrate the new year, is by sending greetings cards, so we made our own cards and wrote messages to family and friends inside.

We also watched the traditional Chinese New Year story, and thought about which animal would win the race and why. Alfred thought the horse would win because 'he is the fastest and big', whereas Darwin thought the tiger might win because 'they are fast swimmers.'

Some of us were surprised to find out that the rat actually won the race! We looked at menus from Chinese takeaways and talked about the food we have eaten, and then we made our own menus. Some of us tried Chinese food for the first time, even having a go at using chopsticks! We wrote messages and baked them inside fortune cookies, then shared them with our families.



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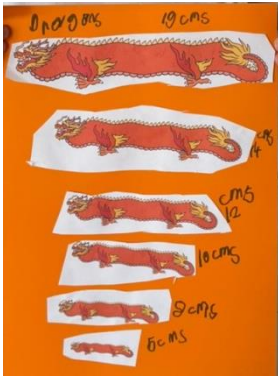
On Friday we listened to a story about a panda and other animals that live in China. We learnt about what the animals like to eat. Mrs East told us that when she was a little girl, two pandas were brought from China to London Zoo. Their names were Ching Ching and Chia Chia. They ate lots of bamboo leaves and shoots all day so they had to bring bamboo to London

on a train specially to feed the pandas!

Jessie even found a Peppa Pig story about Chinese New year and enjoyed watching it.



In Maths, we practised sequencing numbers by making our own animal number lines based on the Chinese New Year story. Then, we used this to help us when learning about ordinal numbers, which describe the order in which things come. We used the language 'first, second, third' etc. to talk about which places the animals came when finishing the race. We learnt how to subtract using a number line this week, by putting our finger on the biggest number and jumping back down the number line 1 or 2 places to find the answer. We filled in missing numbers in number bonds using pictorial tens frames, then made up one of our own using our knowledge of the value of 10. We also cut out dragons, put them in order of size and measured them using centimetres. The nursery children have been doing lots of counting and comparing sizes of objects.



To support our creative development, we made lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year and decorated them with a variety of materials and colours. We also watched a traditional dragon dance, and some of us used Mini Mash to compose our own music to perform to! Some of us also joined in with a fun music time led by Joe at The Red House. Jessie did some fantastic dancing to the music!

We had lots of fun developing our balancing skills this week, by playing musical statues. We also made some brilliant obstacle courses using resources at home, and practised moving under, over and through different obstacles.

In phonics, we learnt the phase 3 digraphs ai, ee and oa and the trigraphs igh. We had a go at reading and writing words and sentences with these sounds in, as well as the ones we already know. Lots of us are getting good at showing phonemes on our fingers and adding sound buttons too.



Well done to **Lenny** who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! He was very interested in learning all about Chinese New Year and worked very hard on lots of activities. He also made this beautiful lantern and card.

Please note – There will be no new activities for the half term holiday and story times will continue on Monday 22nd February. You have worked so hard. So have a lovely break doing lots of fun things together.

However, if there are any activities from the last 6 weeks that you haven't yet done, it would be good if you could complete them.

Mrs Drax will be emailing two Thrive sheets – one with suggestions for children's activities and the other just for parents and carers to support wellbeing. We hope they are useful.



Have a super week! Hopefully the snow will melt and you will see some new plants starting to grow. Don't forget to keep feeding the birds too! Waveney Class Team

