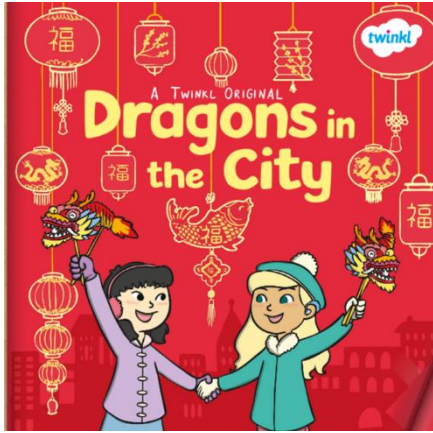


Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February



What a busy week we've had in Waveney Class. We have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year using the theme book *Dragons in the City* and watching films about families celebrating Chinese New Year on CBeebies. We wrote facts about Chinese New Year and some of us drew the animals in the order that they crossed the finishing line in the legend of how the Chinese zodiac years got their names. We learnt that this year is the Year of the Dragon. We enjoyed pretending to make Chinese food in the kitchen. We

also looked at and copied some Chinese writing to make happy new year cards, and we made lucky red envelopes. We made a dragon out of cardboard. We painted it and decorated it with coloured paper and shiny gold streamers. Some of us chose instruments to play, and some of us chose to be dragon dancers. We listened to Chinese music, played our instruments and performed a dragon dance.



"I was at the front of the dragon." (Eva)

"I was in the middle of the dragon." (Jude)

"I liked playing the music and I really like playing tambourines as well." (Zanthe)

"I played the drums." (John)

"I liked doing the dragon dance." (Thomas)

"I like doing the shaker." (Arthur)

"I was at the back of the dragon." (Iris)

"I was nearly at the back of the dragon." (Georgia)

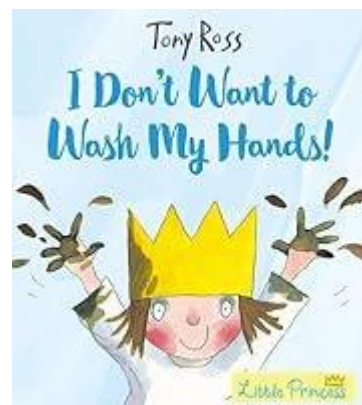
"I like the big drum." (TJ)

We have also learnt about how to care for our teeth and sequenced cleaning teeth pictures. We also learnt that our milk teeth will fall out when we are 5 or 6 and then we will get new teeth that we will have forever. We cut out and stuck pictures to sequence how we clean our teeth.

In Maths, we learnt about 16 in a range of contexts, including addition and subtraction within 16. We represented 16 in a variety of ways, counted on and back from 16 on a number line, used mathematical language to describe everyday objects and matched different numbers to amounts. We also practised our number formation throughout the week.

In Phonics, we focused on the digraphs ff, ll and ss, which is the end of our Phase 2 revision.

The Nursery children have also been talking about dragons. They made dragon masks by colouring and cutting, and dancing dragons. They have been counting to 5 and looking at the numbers. They listened to the story, *I Don't Want to Wash My Hands* by Tony Ross, and talked about why we do need to wash our hands!



Our Star of the Week this week is Iris. She has worked well on lots of activities and has been kind and helpful. Well done, Iris.

**Request** Can we ask that fruit snacks and water bottles are not put in the zipped wallets. These should only be for reading books and letters. In the past we have lost a significant number of reading books through water damage in bags. Thank you.

**Reminder** If you have any of our Essential Reading Guide books at home, could you return them as soon as possible after the holiday, please. Thank you.

### Home Learning

**Nursery** Make a dragon picture, or model using Duplo (or similar) or junk.

**Reception** Draw a line down a sheet of paper. Cut and stick from magazines or food packets or draw pictures of things that are good for teeth and things that are not good for teeth.

Have a lovely week, the Waveney Class Team