

News from the Early Years Team

Dear Parents/Carers,

January 2019

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all! We hope that you had a fabulous Christmas holiday with your children. Mrs Hudson and I would like to say a huge thank for your thoughtful gifts and cards. We are now looking ahead to a busy and productive 2019!

The theme this term is '**Real Life Superheroes**' and later in the term we will focus on **Chinese New Year** which is celebrated on the 5th of February and is the Year of the Pig. We will of course continue to learn about seasons using our real-life experiences of **Winter** such as going on winter walks and exploring ice in our outdoor area.

Real Life Superheroes

The children have chosen to learn about those people who help us in an emergency – firefighters, paramedics, doctors, nurses and police officers. We have created a Doctors role-play area for the children to act out different roles.

We will also consider all of the people who help us at school including teachers, teaching assistants, head teacher, caretaker, office staff and midday supervisors. We will choose a few to interview about their jobs. We will spend time exploring how our friends help us and how we can make sure that we are being a really good friend to others. We will then turn our attention to home and consider the many ways that our parents, grandparents, and wider families and friends may help us there, and how we can help them in return.



We are looking for people to come and chat to the children about their jobs to help support their learning. If you or someone you know is willing to come give a very short talk and answer a few questions, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can wear a uniform, even better!

Please come and let us know as soon as possible, if you are interested.

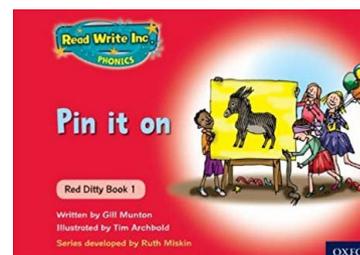
Chinese New Year



We will search for England and China on maps of the world and consider how to travel between the two places. We will explore the country and culture of China by finding similarities and differences with our own surroundings and lives. The children will enjoy exploring Chinese food and customs as well as learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. In addition to this we learn to write Chinese characters, make Chinese dragons and dance to Chinese music. **The children (along with KS1) will be performing a dragon dance to parents and family at the end of the term. We would love for you to come and watch.**

Read Write Inc.

The children are doing very well with reading. We will continue to practise reading and spelling words with three or four sounds in them. We are encouraging the children to 'Fred in your head' and read words on sight. They are learning to read and spell more 'red words' from memory. We will also reinforce writing in sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We are encouraging the children to 'have a go' when writing independently.



Number, Shape, Space and Measures

During this term the children will be introduced to numbers within 20. We will learn to read, write and order the numbers and say what is one more or less than a given number. We will explore estimating amounts to 20 and check by counting accurately. We will continue to consolidate our understanding of addition and begin to learn how to subtract, initially by physically taking objects away. We will also recap 2D shapes.

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Show and Tell

Your child could bring an item linked to one of our themes to share with the class. It might be a photograph, book, object, model, picture, painting, home-made book, or piece of writing - the possibilities are endless but please ensure that toys remain at home.



Can you help us?

If you have any small cardboard boxes you could donate for us to use or any craft items they would be gratefully received. Or anything you think would be useful for our topics.

Wellies



As the weather is getting colder we would appreciate it if you could send in a pair of named wellies in a carrier bag that your child can keep in their locker. These will be useful for winter walks around the school grounds and for wearing in our outdoor area if it is wet (or snowy!)

Thank you for all of your support. We hope that you and your child have a great third term. Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any queries or concerns, no matter how small.

The Early Years Team

Miss Bytheway and Mrs Hudson