

Reception News 24.01.20

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday we attended a 'Perform' Drama Workshop. This involved the children taking on the role of an explorer. The children were so engaged throughout and were very keen to help 'Phileas Fogg' travel all the way to Australia to find a boomerang. Along the way they experienced the cold temperatures of Iceland and met Bruce the crocodile. The children displayed their fantastic imagination and had such a great session!



In Maths this week we have been thinking about position and ordinal numbers. The children have thought lots about the story of 'The Great Race' and which animal came in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on. We've also been thinking about positional language and were keen to try and follow the instructions given and to put the teddy in the correct position. We impressed with the enthusiasm of the children.

In Literacy we have been thinking about a Chinese Traditional Tale called 'The Great Race' and we have also been learning all about Chinese New Year. All of the children have been keen and eager to join in with a range of activities relating to the celebrations, customs and traditions in China. On Thursday we all went into the main school hall and did some 'Dragon Dancing' together. We were very impressed with how hard the children tried to follow each other and many children demonstrated fantastic coordination in time with the music. We've also had our very own Chinese Restaurant running this week, where the children were able to have a go at using chop sticks and tasted some noodles, rice and prawn crackers.

Next week:

- Our book of the week will be 'Rainbow Fish'.
- In Maths we will be learning about one more.
- In Literacy we will be focusing on the story of 'Rainbow Fish' and writing some thought bubbles.
- GREEN group will be doing show and tell. Our theme this term is 'Animals and Pets'. This can be about a favourite animal or about a pet that is at home or in the family. The children may enjoy talking about a pet that they would like to get in the future. We've had many pictures and videos of things such as dog training, horse riding and information on how to look after a pet.

Reminders:

- We are running low on spare school uniform for the children. If you have any unwanted items at home we
 would be extremely grateful for any donations. We are particularly low on boys trousers. Thank you in
 advance!
- Please remember to practise your child's 'Bookmark' words with them at home. These will help your children to progress with their reading. Thank you.

At home:



• You might like to consolidate the children's learning from Maths by practising positional language. For example, you could ask your child to put their favourite toy in, on, under, in front, behind or next to the bed etc.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ford, Mrs Hall and all of the Reception Team.