

Activity Sheet Term 3 Week Beginning 31st January 2022

	Things we have covered this week:	Ideas you may want to try at home linked to our learning at school:
Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week in phonics we have consolidated all the digraphs and words we have learnt this term. We have used these to read and write short captions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please continue to practise digraphs and words at home. Using what you have learnt to make words and short captions.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We read different versions of the Great Race story and compared them. We also learnt about why the years are named after the different animals, and how the order of the animals was decided. We learnt which animal we were born in the year of. We looked at some Chinese writing and thought it looked more like pictures than letters. We found out what each of our names look like in Chinese and had a go at 'writing' them with black paint and a brush. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you tell somebody at home what animal you were born in the year of? Maybe you could find out which animals other members of your family were born in the year of too? Use the sheet in your blue folder.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week we have been comparing length. We had a go at the matchbox challenge to see how many things we could fit inside a matchbox. We carefully considered the size of the things we chose and the properties of the material it was made from. For example a long stick couldn't fit but a long piece of string could because we could squash it. We practised estimating to see if we could guess how many objects were in the matchboxes and then used tens frames to help us work out how many were in there. We used ordinal numbers (first, second, third etc) to order the animals in the Chinese New Year story as they finished the race. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the children have brought home a matchbox this week to have a go at the matchbox challenge at home. How many things can you fit into your matchbox?
Topic Chinese New Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had such fun celebrating Chinese New Year this week. Here are some of the things we did: We learnt that this year is the year of the tiger so we read tiger stories and made tiger masks. We learnt how to say Kung Hei Fat Choy – Happy New Year in Chinese We learnt about the sort of the scary lion Nian and made our own drums, decorated in the lucky colours red and gold to scare him away. We learnt that Nian the lion visits when there is a new moon and that sometimes the new year is called the Lunar New Year Festival with Lunar meaning moon. We made Chinese moon cakes. We watched a dragon parade and then had our own outside on the playground with our own dragon. We found out where China is on the world map and then we used Google Earth to find it. We looked at the Great Wall of China and learnt a little about why it was built. We then watched the Go Jetters as they visited the Great Wall. We made our own Chinese flags and Chinese money wallets and Chinese lanterns. We had our Chinese feast and tried really hard to use chopsticks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Here is the link to the story of the Great Race that we enjoyed watching at school. Maybe you'd like to watch it at home too. I have also included the recipe for Moon Cakes as some of the children wanted to make more at home too.

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the third term already and almost half way through the school year.

To finish off our topic on transport we will be making transport models next week. Please could your child bring in a bag of junk modelling materials – packaging boxes, tubes, bottle tops etc to use at school on Wednesday. (Maybe a good excuse to 'recycle' the wonderful creations they have brought home already!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Winchester