

Mrs Madden's Class News

Friday 31st January 2025

This week we began to learn about 'Chinese/Lunar New Year'. The children loved the story about 'The Great Race', learning why the years are named after animals. This year is the Year of the Snake – which personality traits include being enigmatic, intelligent, and wise. As part of our classroom 'Chinese New Year' activities, we located China on a map, learnt about Chinese writing and how it differs to how we write. They had a go at writing Chinese numbers – I'm sure you were as impressed as I was when you saw the photos on Tapestry! They practised their fine motor skills by placing small buttons onto some Chinese Lions. The concentration and care they took was fantastic.

On Thursday, we had our annual Chinese banquet – a highlight of the EYFS calendar. The children had the opportunity to try plain rice, egg fried rice, chicken chow mein, beef in black bean sauce, noodles, vegetable spring rolls, duck spring rolls and of course, prawn crackers! It was lovely to see some children try something new.

In PE, we've been practising our dance skills, took part in Chinese Cosmic Yoga and had our second Bikeability session.

Thanks to the children, I had a lovely end of the week as they made my birthday celebrations super special. Thank you, children, for all the pictures and cards you made me. I think they enjoyed the cake!

Next week our Chinese adventures will continue.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Madden 😊