

Reception News

Spring 1 Week 5 – 4th February 2022

What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been learning all about the **Lunar New Year** festival this week. We listened to the story of how twelve animals had a race to see which order the years would be named after them. We showed that we were good at remembering the story because we each wrote a sentence about it afterwards. We have also made Lunar New Year cards, coloured in Chinese dragons, decorated Chinese flags, completed a colour-by-numbers tiger (for the Year of the Tiger), coloured in Chinese Lions on the PCs - the last one was lots of fun but quite tricky!
- ◆ In our Phonics sessions this week we have been learning the last of our digraphs and trigraphs - we have learnt so many and done so well! We have looked at **air** and **er**. We tasted mini chocolate eclairs for **air** and gingerbread men biscuits for **er**. We have been practising writing these sounds in words too!
- ◆ In Maths we have learned how to form the number 18 by watching “**Episode 18**” of the “Tia Ten Show”. We have also been ordering numbers from 0-10 or 0-20 independently - we all did so well!

Lunar New Year activities...

Homework

Literacy

- Sounds - especially new sounds **air** and **er** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *please try to write us a comment in your child's Reading Diary every week.*
- Sight words.

Maths

- Practise counting amounts of objects (up to 20) to ensure that your child is able to point to each object and say the corresponding number correctly. Remind them that it's easier to count lots of objects if they put them in a line - that way they have a definite starting and finishing point as they are counting.
- Practise forming number **18** on the Ten Town website and recognising taught numbers, especially those from 11 to 20.