



Reception News

'We are all different and that's beautiful.'

Karen Salnanshn



This week the children enjoyed the story of 'Hansel and Gretel'. We discussed the clever problem-solving that Hansel and Gretel did to get out of trouble! In maths, we learnt about what estimation is and tried to estimate how many sweets were in different jars. In literacy, the children wrote shopping lists for what we needed to buy for today's Chinese New Year celebrations. The children were very creative and came up with many great ideas. We looked at the sounds 'ure' and 'er' which finished the introduction of phase 3 sounds. Today, we had a wonderful Chinese New Year celebration and the children enjoyed eating Chinese food and participating in special activities. Gong hei fat choy!

Estimating sweets in a jar, then counting to check if they were sensible estimates.



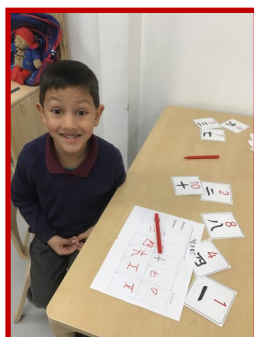
Creating beautiful dragons.



Celebrating Chinese New Year with yummy food.



Learning to form Mandarin numbers.



Writing their own version of the Chinese New Year story.

Notices and Reminders:

Please remember that children should wear hats that only have the St Aubyn's School logo and regulation design scarves and blue gloves. Please refer to page 43 of the Handbook for Parents for further information on uniform.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team



Next Week in Reception:

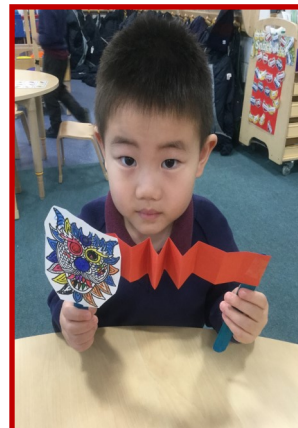
Next week, we will be looking at the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and using the story to explore words that rhyme. In maths, we will be thinking about number ordering and focusing on writing numbers in sequences. We will be thinking about where real wolves live, what they look like and what they eat (not grandmothers!) We will be looking at the colour red and enjoying sensory tray full of red objects. In phonics, we will be reviewing the phase 2 and phase 3 sounds.



Nursery News

Chinese New Year

It has been an exciting week in Nursery! The children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. The Ducklings have been making paper fans and painting numerals. The Goslings have been creating paper concertina dragons. We read the traditional tale 'The Great Race' and many were keen to act out the story using puppets and props! We wish all those who celebrate this festival a very Happy New Year!



The Ducklings working on their chop stick skills!



Acting out 'The Great Race'



"Welcome to my Chinese café.
What would you like to eat?"

Tasting Noodles!

The Nursery role play areas have been transformed into Chinese restaurants. The children had the opportunity to try plain noodles, noodles with soy sauce and noodles with sweet chilli sauce.

They were able to use their sense of taste to describe the different flavours and finally they picked their favourite.



Dragon Dance!

The children have loved creating their very own dragon dance.



Overview of week three's learning:

Phonics: Oo, initial, beginning and end sounds in words, individual targets, rhyming words .

Maths: Using the vocabulary involved in addition such as 'one more'. Topic: Dinosaurs

Notices and reminders:

Please check that all of your child's items, including clothing, water bottles and shoes, are labelled clearly with your child's name. Thank you in advance for your support.