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## Reception Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 19 February 2018

Dear Parents

This week the Reception children enjoyed being a part of the elections for new Top Birds in our bird families. We enjoyed celebrating our stars of the week in assembly on Friday and singing a song to bring the sunshine out!

We have been lucky to have several experts to help us explore this week's Chinese New Year topic. Thank you to families who have provided celebratory items which have decorated classrooms along with the children's own oriental creations made in class. We have all enjoyed hearing children with a Chinese heritage sing songs, speak in Chinese and help us learn how to count in Chinese.

### **Maths**

Alongside learning to count in Chinese we have been further developing our skills at counting in English. We ordered muddled up numbers as we played circle games on the carpet and filled in missing numbers along the spine of a dragon. We have attempted to count to 100 and practised counting on from a given number other than 1. We have used a variety of manipulatives to count groups of objects.

### **Literacy**

Each group has listened to the story of the Chinese New Year and completed literacy activities linked to the story. In class, we have been encouraging the children to annotate their own drawings and some children have enjoyed writing sentences or words inspired by pictorial writing prompts.

### **Other areas of learning**

We have begun rehearsing our Easter production of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Over the coming week we will be letting you know what part your child will play in the production and make requests for costumes/clothing requirements. We have a good selection of costume resources in school so please do let us know if you are unable to provide requested items.

We have been learning about Chinese customs and we have explored Google Earth to see where China is in relation to the United Kingdom. We discussed what we mean by a celebration and the children had many examples of other celebrations, such as having a baby, Diwali, Halloween, birthdays, losing a tooth and more!

### **Over the weekend**

Your child may like to draw a picture of a celebration they remember and write, or dictate to you, a sentence or two to describe the event. Your child's literacy teacher will also have provided a writing activity in their home activity book.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 1 March:** World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character and author visit

**Saturday 17 March – 10.00am - 11.30am:** PTA Easter activity morning (Pre Prep hall)

**Friday 23 March – 2.00pm:** Reception Easter Production (Read Hall)

Wishing you a lovely, restful weekend with your children

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*