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This week we have continued to learn about Lunar New Year. We have read 'Busy Chinese New Year', 'Peppa's Chinese New Year' and 'The great race. We talked about why and how Lunar New Year is celebrated.

Activities this week at pre-school:

- We read 'The great race' and learnt about the different animals involved in the lunar new year. The children acted out the story and pretended to be the different animals.
- Red envelope and gold coins - We talked about the tradition of giving coins in a red envelope. The envelopes symbolised good luck for the new year. The children looked at some lunar new year envelopes and gold coins with animals on them.
- Sensory/messy play - The children played with a tray of noodles, bowls and chop sticks.
- Dragon- The children made and decorated a dragon. They decorated a dragon face and glued it onto folded card lollypop sticks.
- Lunar new year light box - The children played with the light box and red/yellow materials, focusing on these colours.

- Dragon dance - We watched some dragon dances in lunar new year parades. The children then did their own dragon dance using coloured pieces of materials.
- Dragon mask - The children decorated a dragon mask using different materials such as, tissue paper, paint, feathers etc.
- Restaurant role play - The children played with pretend Chinese food including noodles, rice and vegetables.

### **Phonics: Rythm and Rhyme**

To experience and appreciate rhythm and rhyme and to develop awareness of rhythm and rhyme in speech.

We have been matching rhyming cards, listening to rhyming songs and reading rhyming books.

### **Important information**

- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences to [pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org)
- Please can children bring in named gloves and scarves on colder days.