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Our topic this week is **Lunar New Year!**

This week we have read:

- Busy Chinese New Year
- I Love Chinese New Year
- The Great Race
- Maisy's Chinese New Year

Activities/provision this week:

- **Chinese restaurant role play** - The children have explored Chinese food through our role play. They played with Chinese food, chopsticks, bowls, menus and recipes.
- **Food tasting** - We talked about the different foods people eat when celebrating Lunar New Year. The children tasted different flavoured noodles for snack.
- **Lunar New Year playdough** - The children played with golden playdough, red/yellow coins, dragon playdough mats and red/yellow pipe cleaners.
- **Lunar New Year fine motor tray** - The children played with salt coloured red. They explored the salt using bowls, spoons, gold trays.
- **The Great Race small world** - We read 'The Great Race' story and the children played with animals from the book. The children ordered them based on the story e.g. rat 1st, Ox 2nd
- **Dragon mask craft** - The children put together and decorated their own dragon puppets
- **Dragon dance** - This week we listened to different Lunar New Year music and watched videos of traditional dances. The children did their own dragon dance with colourful materials, drums and masks.

- **Painting Chinese characters** – We looked at examples of Chinese writing, and the children had a go at painting them on red card.
- **Coin rubbing** – We talked about Lunar New Year traditions, giving friends/family red envelopes with coins inside. The children joined in with a coin rubbing activity where they made marks on large pieces of paper.
- **Cutting activity** – The children have been practising using scissors by cutting out paper coins. They also put together craft envelopes to put them in.

World Book Day – On Thursday the children joined in with a variety of World Book Day themed activities. For example, dressing up, making bookmarks, book swaps etc.

Phonics: Alliteration

This term our phonics focus is Alliteration. The children have been developing their understanding of alliteration. They have been listening to sounds at the beginning of words and hearing the differences between them. The children have explored how different sounds are articulated. We have been playing games such as, I spy - initial sounds, silly soup and Bertha the bus goes to the zoo.

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Five little ducks
- Five little monkeys
- Five crispy pancakes
- Polly put the kettle on
- Hot cross buns
- Mary, Mary quite contrary
- Round and round the garden like a teddy bear
- Little Peter Rabbit
- Doctor Foster

Maths: Exploring and understanding number four

The children have been learning how to:

- Count to 4
- Compare numbers 1,2,3 and 4 - using language of smaller and bigger
- Understand that 4 is 1 more than 3
- Understand that 4 is made of 3 and 1 or 2 and 2
- Order numbers 1 to 4

The topic after next week will be: **Growing, Flowers, Mother's Day**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books about Growing, Flowers, Mother's Day, Spring.**
- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org
- Please send in photographs of the children's half term to pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org
- **Easter Chick Challenge Workshop** -(Due to numbers this session is only for children who attend Pre-School on Wednesday Afternoon due to space).

We would like to invite you to join us for an Easter Chick Challenge Workshop on **Wednesday 25th March 2-3pm**. During the afternoon there will be a variety of Easter Activities to complete with your child, we hope that you are able to join us.

- We will be holding 10-minute **parents' meetings** this half term, your child's key worker will approach you to arrange a date/time.
- Stay and Play session - **20th March - 8.45am-10.00am**
- Dentist Visit - **Thursday 23rd April**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Torrington Dental Practice will be visiting Taw and Codden Classes to share information about looking after teeth with parents and children on **Thursday 23rd April**. Parents are very welcome to join their children for this interactive and informative session, we hope that you will you attend if you are able to.

Codden Class session will run approximately 9-9:30am in class.

Taw (Pre-school) session will run approximately 9:30-10am. (If your child does not normally attend Pre-school on this day parents are welcome to bring their

child(ren) in for the talk and must stay, due to staff ratios). If you would like to come and your child(ren) usually attend on this day you are welcome to stay after drop off or bring them slightly later for 9:30am, please let a member of Pre-School staff know.

If you have any further questions please speak to a member of the EYFS team, we hope that you are able to attend.

Best Wishes

The EYFS Team