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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 rice for snack.
- **Lunar New Year playdough** - The children played with golden playdough, red/yellow coins, dragon playdough mats and red/yellow pipe cleaners.
- **Noodle fine motor tray** - The children used tweezers to pick up pretend noodles (yellow wool). They also played with Lunar New Year serving bowls.
- **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 craft** - The children put together and decorated dragon puppets.
- **Lunar New Year lanterns** - The children practiced their cutting skills by making Lunar New Year Lanterns out of card and craft materials.
- **Year of the horse** - We talked about the year of the horse, and the children decorated a horse picture.

- **Blossom tree** - We looked at photographs of Lunar New Year blossom trees. The children painted a group picture of a blossom tree using pink paint and cotton buds.

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: **Lunar New Year**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books about Lunar New Year**
- 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.