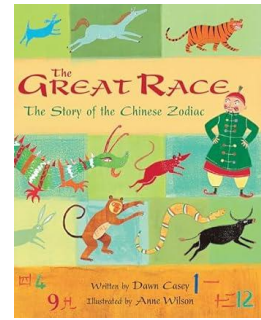


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This week our focus topic has been 'Chinese New Year!'. We have read books such as, 'Busy Chinese New Year, The Great Race, Maisy's first Chinese New Year and Peppa's Chinese New Year'.



Activities this week at pre-school:

- Messy mark making tray - The children played with red rice, bowls, spoons, paintbrushes etc.
- Sensory tray - The children played with spaghetti for pretend noodles. They moved it between different red bowls and cups.
- We talked about Mother's day and the children made a card to take home. The children decorated them using different patterned cupcake cases to make a flower.
- Watched some videos of Chinese New Year parades and celebrations. The children had a go at doing their own Lion Dance.
- Chinese food tasting - The children tried foods such as rice, noodles, prawn crackers and fortune cookies.
- Chinese restaurant role play area - The children played with pretend noodles, dumplings, spring rolls etc. They had Chinese patterned bowls, chopsticks etc.
- We talked about it being the 'Year of the Dragon'. The children decorated a dragon using a paper plate, pretend eyes, red feathers, red pipe cleaners, red tissue paper etc.
- Some of the children cut out and decorated a Chinese lantern to take home.
- Playdough table - The children played with red playdough with pretend gold coins. We talked about how red symbolises luck within Chinese New Year celebrations and people gift each other coins in envelopes.
- The children fished out gold coins in the water tray using nets.
- In the sand tray the children could act out and retell 'The Great Race story' by using the different animals in the tray.

Next week the topic will be Spring and Growing. Please bring in any books about plants, flowers, growing etc.

### Important information

- World Book Day - On **Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> March** we are celebrating world book day.

To celebrate world book day, we are:

- The children are invited to wear a costume or outfit based on their favourite book character.
- Change a wooden spoon into a book character.
- Children to bring in their favourite book to share with their friends.

Children who don't attend on a Thursday are welcome to dress up all week and bring in their favourite book. The school council would also like you to donate any good quality books (for children), in preparation for a book sale they will be holding before the end of term - watch this space for a date! The proceeds of this will go towards buying new up-to-date books for classroom bookcases. Please bring into school anytime next week.

- Every Tuesday the children will be taking part in outdoor learning so please can you send you child in with warm clothes that you don't mind them getting messy in.
- Honey Farm Trip - **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - please see details below
- Stay and Play **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 9am - 10am.
- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences from their half term to: [pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org).

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** we are planning to take the children in Taw and Codden class on a trip to The Quince Honey Farm. During the visit the children will learn about bees, observe honey being harvested, make a candle, explore the gardens and have a play in the Hive Play Area. The PTFA have kindly offered to subsidise the cost of the trip, so the cost per child will be £10.50, which includes coach travel and entrance to the Honey Farm. Please pay via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

If your child does not usually attend Pre-School on this day they are welcome to join us but in order to cover staff/child ratios your child must be accompanied with a paying adult. Unfortunately, we do not have capacity on the coach to take additional children/parents so we would ask that you make your own way to The Honey Farm and meet us there. The entrance cost would be £9.50 per child Payable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please speak to a member of EYFS staff if you have any questions regarding this.

We will be departing and returning within usual school hours. Reception children must wear their school T-shirt and jumper, everyone needs to wear warm trousers, footwear that may get muddy (we recommend wellies!), a waterproof coat. We will be eating lunch at The Honey Farm, if you require a school packed lunch there is an option of cheese or ham roll which you are able to book on Eduspot/SchoolMoney, otherwise children may bring their own packed lunch. We request that there are no nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks. All children will need to bring a drink in a refillable drinks bottle. School will provide a snack. If you are meeting us there, please could you bring your child a packed lunch, we ask that you do not book your child a school packed lunch via Eduspot if your child is not attending school that day. If your child wears nappies or is toilet training please ensure that you provide enough nappies/changes of clothes, wipes for the day. Please could your child bring a small named backpack in which to carry their lunch, drink, nappies etc.

To summarise: Your child will need...

- Waterproof coat
- Warm clothes (Reception children – school jumper, own bottoms)
- Shoes that can get muddy (wellies)
- Packed lunch – Either from home or a school lunch booked via Eduspot
- Refillable water bottle
- Nappies, wipes/changes of clothes if required In order for the trip to take place we would be very grateful of parent helpers.

If you do not have a relevant DBS Certificate please speak to a member of EYFS staff who will be able to help you with this. If you do have any issues booking your child's ticket/lunch through Eduspot/SchoolMoney, please do let us know, you can email [families@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:families@bishopstawton-primary.org) and we will be happy to help. Warm Regards The EYFS Team