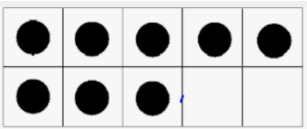


Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years – 5.2.24

This week in Early Years...	<p>This week we have been learning all about Chinese (Lunar) New Year. The children learnt how people prepare for and celebrate the occasion. The children discovered that red is a lucky colour and that children get given a red money pocket containing a coin (or two !). We also made Chinese lanterns to decorate our classroom and took part in a dragon dance.</p>
Reminder	<p>It is so lovely to hear the children reading so confidently in school. Thank you to those parents hearing their children read daily as it really helps to develop fluency. We also love to read in the children's diaries what books you have been sharing at home.</p> <p>Please can we politely remind you that children should not be wearing bracelets or nail varnish to school and that toys should be kept at home. Thank you</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this week we have been learning about the composition of the number 8. We have used Hungarian dice frames and a 10 frame to allow us to visually see the pattern of '8 is made of 5 and 3' The children explored and sorted dominoes according to whether their spots totalled, 6, 7 or 8.</p> 
English	<p>This week we have begun to innovate our story e.g. The Gigantic Carrot / The Gigantic Parsnip. The children have innovated their story mountains, told their story to an adult for scribing and then performed their innovations to the class.</p>
Phonics	<p>This week we have learnt two new phase 3 phonemes @ ure (pure), er(hammer),</p> <p>We have consolidated the phoneme ' th' and reading polysyllabic words e.g. laptop, rooftop</p> <p>This week we have also learnt to read two new tricky words: live give</p>
This week's sounds:	<p>ure (pure) er (hammer)</p>
Partner Reading	<p>This week you child has read either: Let's Rock, Max's Box or Tut Tut Pup.</p>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- *Can you draw/ paint a picture about Chinese New Year*
- *Can you listen to some Chinese New Year music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBaHpN8M0jQ>*
- *Find 8 objects e.g. buttons, spoons, twigs. Can you partition (split) them to show different ways of making 8.
e.g. 4 twigs and 4 twigs , 5 twigs and 3 twigs*
- *Practice reading phase 3 tricky words. You may wish to go on a tricky word hunt in your house. (a set of tricky words is attached)*

Seesaw Idea:

- *Maybe you could make up and perform a dragon dance to go with the music (see above)*