



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 28.1.22

Hello Reception Parents and Carers, the week has flown by with the children looking so busy and happy in their play. They have enjoyed learning how to use a part, part whole model to find 2 numbers (parts) that when added together make the total (whole). The children continued to work independently to find numbers that when added together make 6, 7 and 8 and they watched closely as we turned this into a number sentence (e.g $5+1=6$). Our story of the week has been the action packed story of The Gingerbread man. The children are becoming so clever at retelling the story and imagining how the characters in the story would feel. The children have been very creative painting gingerbread person plate faces and creating their own gingerbread person. Many have started drawing a story map for The Gingerbread Man story where they think about the sequencing of the story and recognise the beginning, middle and end of the story. Some of the playdough gingerbread people the children have made have looked good enough to eat.

Thank you for sending in your wonderful home pictures which we have begun sharing in class as part of our learning about maps and where we live. It is lovely to see the children so joyful as they spot their home and talk about it.

Now for next week's fun - please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

This week we will be learning - Week Beginning 31st January 2022

- The children will be learning about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We will share a story 'Dragons in the City' and will practise saying Happy New Year in Mandarin Chinese. We will explore the traditions including red envelopes, lanterns, stories and dance and we will discuss what the 'Year of the Tiger' means. The week will end with the children creating a dragon dance to celebrate Chinese New Year and the year of the Tiger.

Uncle Jian and Mum wished each other a happy New Year in Mandarin Chinese.

"How do I say that?" Evie asked Bo.

"You say it like this: Sheen nian kwai luh," said Bo.

"Xīn nián kuài lè!" everyone shouted happily.



- In phonics, we will be recapping all of the sounds we have learnt so far: k/ l/ r/ u /ck /b/ g/ h/ c/ a/ i/ m/ s/ t/ n/ o/ p/ d/ v/ f/ e / j/ w/ z and learning two new sounds x and y. The children will be building these sounds into simple words and will then have a go at writing them down. The children are also practising writing simple sentences more often now. Our everyday words are: his and like.
- We have started to include a handwriting session each day where the children focus on their pencil grip and letter formation. Last week we practised our letters a to f and this week we will practise g to l. The children really love this very gentle activity which allows them to focus on forming a single letter.
- In maths, the children will be learning to recognise, identify and represent the numbers 9 and 10. We will play 'I spy', number matching games and a dice counting game to help us explore these numbers. We are still frequently singing our days of the week and months of the year throughout the week and the children have many different opportunities to practise their number formation.



- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: Chinese New Year, traditions and tens frame.

Time to talk

- We all know how important talking at home is for exposing children to a wide range of vocabulary and ideas. This all helps them with their reading and to become future writers. As we are learning about Chinese New Year this week, we thought a conversation about your own family celebrations would be fun.

Share your own family traditions/celebrations - what do you celebrate and how?

Some important information and reminders:

- **Gingerbread Person adventure:** The children have all been sent home with their own decorated Gingerbread person and an accompanying letter on Friday 28th January. In brief the letter asks you to send your Gingerbread person on an adventure to a relative or friend in another home/town/city. It is hoped that relative or friend will send the Gingerbread person back to school with a letter or note of what he/she got up to on their adventure. We know from experience how much the children love seeing their gingerbread person arrive back in school through the post and the excitement of hearing what their gingerbread got up to. Your help with this is much appreciated.
- **Height and weight check:** On Tuesday 1 February, height and weight checks will be carried out in school by the school nursing service.
- **Urgent call for playdough resources:** The children are always so immersed in their playdough creations as they mould and sculpt all sorts of wonderful creations, but unfortunately, our playdough ingredients have diminished! If you are happy to donate flour, salt, oil and cream of tartar, we would really appreciate it!
- **School Reading Book/Borrow a Book:** We are reading with the children each week and are encouraging the children to read every day. Please remember to return your child's school reading book on their reading day, as well as their 'Borrow a Book' book.
- **Oxford Reading Buddy:** Please do continue to access Oxford Reading Buddy at home as it is a great way to support your child with their reading. You will find their logins stuck into the front cover of their reading records.
- **Junk Modelling resources:** Along with messy play, the children love to build all sorts of wonderful things using all sorts of junk they find around the house. If you have any junk modelling resources, we would be more than happy to take these. **Just a quick note to say that we are not taking any food boxes or wrappers.** For junk modelling resources ideas, please see below.
 - loo roll/kitchen roll tubes
 - shoe boxes
 - glitter
 - pipe cleaners
 - pom poms
 - bottles and bottle lids
 - toothpaste tubes



- straws
- fabric
- googly eyes
- CDs

Cooking at home

We have included a recipe below for you to have a try at home together. Inspired by Chinese New Year.

Stir Fried Noodles

This noodle dish is bursting with flavour and crunchy vegetables!

You will need...

Ingredients	Equipment
150g pack of medium egg noodles	Hob
1 tablespoon of olive oil	Small bowl
A 2 ½ centimetre piece of fresh ginger	Garlic press
2 cloves of garlic	Fine grater
1 large carrot	Chopping board
1 yellow pepper	Sharp knife
100g of mange tout	Saucepan
2 spring onions	Frying pan or wok
85g of beansprouts	Colander
2 tablespoons of soy sauce	
1 tablespoon of white wine vinegar	



Method

1. Remove the skin from the ginger. Discard the skin and grate the ginger. Crush your garlic in a garlic crusher. Finely chop your pepper and carrot into matchstick sized pieces. Cut your spring onion widthways into small rounds.
2. Heat a large pan of water on the hob and add the noodles once the water has reached boiling point. Cook the noodles for about 4 minutes and then drain and set to one side. Coat the noodles in a little olive oil to stop them sticking together.
3. Heat a tablespoon of oil in your frying pan or wok. Add the ginger, garlic carrot, pepper and mange tout and fry for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring continuously.

Method

4. Add the noodles, spring onion and beansprouts to the pan and continue to stir.
5. Add the soy sauce and white wine vinegar to the pan and toss everything together for another minute.
6. Serve the noodles in bowls and enjoy! How about sprinkling on some extra bean sprouts for some added crunch?