

Reception Spring Newsletter

Broughton Primary School

Spring Learning Topics

Traditional Tales - Little Red

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This term we have been reading an alternative version of the Little Red Riding Hood story. We looked at differences and similarities in the stories. We have discussed how we could change the story to make our own versions. Our role play area and puppet theatre have helped us to bring our own storylines to life!



Chinese New Year

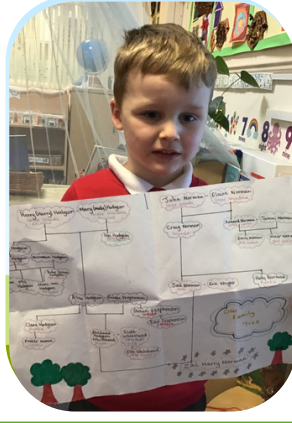
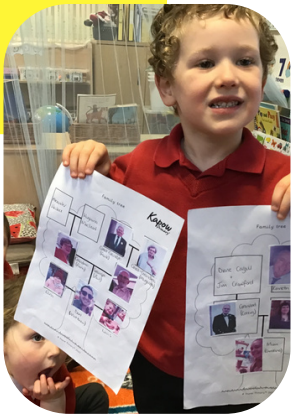
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Our Celebrations topic continues with finding out about Chinese New Year. So far we have learnt about life in China and thought about the similarities and differences to our own lives. We have a Chinese restaurant set up in class which is proving very popular, especially trying out the chopsticks! Next we will be learning about how families celebrate in China, learn more about the lunar new year, try some Chinese food, learn a song & perform a dragon dance and receive some lucky red envelopes!

Let's focus on...

Buddy Time

Every Friday afternoon we get together with our buddies for some quality time. This is a chance for children to build on the positive relationships they have established with their Year 6 friends. We enjoy a range of activities together; sharing a story, making joint artwork, using the outdoor provision, etc. It is a time of the week everyone enjoys and it wonderful to see how much they care for each other!



Past & Present

As part of our 'Understanding the World' curriculum we have been focused on our history skills. We have been thinking about our family tree and the generations before us in our family. We found a time travellers chest and discovered some artefacts from the past. We had to be history detectives and look for clues. We discovered how toys and games from the past were different, as well as how transport has changed over time. Great detective work Reception!

Art & Design

There has been more wonderful pieces of artwork created by Reception pupils this term. We have made some fantastic flap pictures from our Little Red story, which show the characters in Mr Wolf's tummy! We have also started some 'Draw with Rob' sessions which have been helping our pencil control and colouring skills. It has also been wonderful to support us with our listening skills and following instructions.



Supporting your child at home!

Listening Skills

We are really working hard in class at improving our listening skills. We have been playing games like 'Simon Says' to try and get children to really listen hard to the instructions.

We have been listening to stories and then answering questions based on what they have heard (not using picture clues). It is quite surprising to see how much children are listening and how much they are just following others or guessing!

Our new 'listening station' is helping to improve our skills & you could try some of our school games out at home too!



Questions & Answers

After children share their class news we always ask if there are any questions. Everyone loves asking questions and finding out more. We have been trying to extend our range of questions we use by including the following question words at the beginning of our sentences:

- Where
- When
- Why
- What
- Who

You can practise these at home to help your child ask a range of questions

Maths Skills

Recognising all the numbers to 20 is a skill everyone needs to work on in class. Children can count very well but once the numbers are not in the correct order it becomes much trickier to recognise them!

We are doing well with one more and one less of a number up to 10. We have also just started thinking about number doubles.

If you have time for your child to go on the 'Top Marks' math website there are lots of great games to play for extra practise!

Home Reading

Thank you for all the reading children are doing at home. I can see huge developments in reading & phonic skills. We are regular champions in the whole school weekly Strive-4-Five competition!

Class news

Please keep on sending in photographs for our class news on DoJo. It is really great for children to talk about their experiences and to answer some interesting questions.

