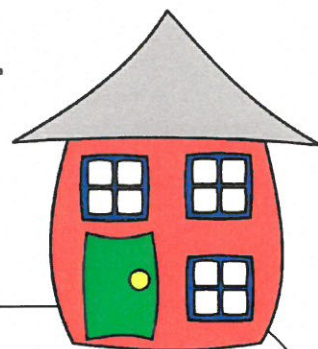


# Reception newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016



## Literacy

The children have continued to expand their phonic knowledge, learning /ll/ and /oo/. They have learnt how to blend consonants in words such as bulb and green.

They have written acrostic poems about the Chinese new year; applying their knowledge about the festival.

The children have been joining in with shared writing projects by writing their suggestions in a list on white boards. Ask them to write you a shopping list next time you go.

## Maths

Over the past fortnight the children have explored the concept of 'one more' and 'one less'. They have been building towers one brick taller or smaller than mine. The children have learnt to record their work in a number sentence using +1 and -1. Ask your child to build you a tower one brick taller than yours.

The children have also extended their understanding of the number sentence by ordering numbers onto a number line. They have used simple programmes on the smart board. Try [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

## Useful Information

Your snack money contributions over the past fortnight have provided, amongst other things, cheese and crackers, breadsticks and tsaziki, peppers and ginger for our stir fry and of course prawn crackers.

The children are still taking part in weekly Zumba lessons on Monday afternoons and Indian drumming sessions every Thursday morning.

Parents evening is drawing nearer so please make an appointment to discuss the progress of your child so far this year. Appointment slips will be coming out soon.

Thank you for your continued support; especially with the reading. The children are making excellent progress!

## Busy Learning

The children returned after half term to celebrate the Chinese New Year. They have used videos from Espresso to learn about the 'Great Race' and the traditions in China.

The children enjoyed making sweet and sour stir fry with noodles and mastered the chopsticks with ease!!

They have been on spring walks, looking for new green shoots and checking on the progress of the bulbs we had planted.

The children have continued to build amazing structures with the wooden blocks...we've had bowling alleys and HUGE temples!