



## St. Mark's Nursery Weekly Newsletter w/b 05/2/18

### **This week's Topic: Chinese New Year**

This week we will be learning about Chinese New Year. Finding out about different cultures and traditions is very important at our school. This topic allows the children to learn through a colourful, bold and creative topic. This year is the year of the 'dog' and is celebrated on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. We will find out about some of the customs and celebrations which are involved. Some of our activities this week are, creating dragons, experimenting with Chinese writing and making our own money envelopes. We will also taste some yummy Chinese noodles and prawn crackers!



### **Things to do at home:**

During Chinese New Year children are sometimes given envelopes with money inside. You could look at some coins with your child and see if you can spot any numbers on them. Talk about the colours and shapes of the different coins. Some of our older children might enjoy counting them too. You could also try some Chinese foods at home and even attempt using chopsticks, which will help to strengthen your child's fingers, helping with pencil control.

### **Please help:**

Next week your child will have the opportunity to try some Chinese food. As always, if they do not wish to taste the foods that is fine. We will be cooking some egg noodles with honey and soy sauce, as well as trying prawn crackers. If you have not already informed nursery, please let us know of any allergies your child has ASAP.

Might I take this opportunity to thank all those of you who regularly put money in 'Winnie the Pooh' as without your generosity we would not be able to carry out these exciting activities. Thank you!



### **Special Events:**

In response to some parents requesting information on phonics, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.30pm we are holding a parents meeting about how you can use phonics to teach your child to read. Phonics is now used throughout EYFS and Key Stage 1 in all primary schools. It is really important that parents use the same methods at home to help support your child in becoming a confident reader with a love for stories and books.

As an incentive, we are going to start awarding the children certificates to recognise their achievements. We will have a 'Star of the week' and a 'Read Write Inc star'.

If your child is going to receive a certificate, you will receive a text message to invite you to the celebration worship in main school where they will receive it.

*If anyone has any questions about absolutely anything, please ask a member of the team and we will be happy to help.*

*Thanks again for all your support  
Laurie Kidd*

EYFS Leader/ Nursery Teacher