



# Reception Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

In phonics this week the children have been revising sounds they have already learnt and we have particularly focused on some tricky trigraphs such as **'air' (what lovely hair)** and **'ear' (what can I hear with my little ear)**. The children had great fun playing bingo and were fantastic at reading some of our tricky words.

I have added a website below which we have used to support the children with their decoding and blending skills. The game involves the children sorting real and pseudo words (nonsense words). They loved helping the dragons!

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html>

In our maths sessions this week the children have been estimating and comparing capacities of different containers. We have also been comparing weights. The children have been weighing different items to find out which items are the heaviest and lightest. We also weighed different items using multilink cubes.

We have started a new topic this week and the children have been finding out about Chinese New Year, which they have found really interesting! I

have added the website we have used below. The children have enjoyed finding out about Chinese traditions and customs at this special time. We learnt about the Chinese Zodiac and found out children in Reception were either born in the year of the rabbit or the year of the dragon. We have been making Chinese Dragons, learning to use chopsticks and we have been looking at different Chinese symbols. The children have loved dressing up in Chinese clothes and playing in our Chinese Takeaway area this week. Lots of children are really keen to try Chinese food now!

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ChineseNewYear/ChineseNewYear.aspx>

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale