

# Willow's Weekly Review

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019



I cannot believe that we are almost half way through the school year! The children have grown, developed and learnt so much since September. Each week, every child in the class continues to impress me with their enthusiasm and passion towards their learning. We have had another exciting week with an emphasis on learning about Chinese New Year. Yuyan's father spoke to the children about how Chinese New Year marks the beginning of the Lunar year and is a time for family and celebration. He also demonstrated Chinese painting of some of the characters. The children enjoyed making their red lanterns and dressing up in clothes lent to us by Alex, as well as walking about the classroom in the dragon's head and body! I am sure your children were thrilled to receive their own red packet from Alex's mum. Thank you so much Mr Hong and Mrs Wan for your generosity and time.



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Balls and Mrs Ballester



## Curriculum News

This week in Maths, the children have been doing lots of fabulous learning based on repeated addition. They have been using their knowledge of multiples of 2, 5 and 10 to help them with this. Next week we will look at writing repeated addition as multiplication and learning about arrays! After half term, we will look at doubling and division. We also looked at ordinal numbers in relation to the traditional Chinese story of the animals' swimming race. We learned that the Jade Emperor wanted to discover a way of measuring time and the first 12 animals across the fast flowing river would have a year of the zodiac named after them.



In Science, we enjoyed learning about our senses and the body parts associated with senses. We discussed how losing a certain sense heightens other senses, and that you can learn new skills such as painting with your toes!

In English we have looked at the features of instructions and in particular using time adverbials (First, then, after, next, finally etc.). We have also practised letter formation of lower and upper case letters as correct formation is important for cursive writing.

## Home Learning

This week's Home Learning is to practise more spellings. It would be most beneficial if you are able to read through these words with your child and check that they have remembered how to spell them. This homework is not due in until after the half term holiday (Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Feb) so there is plenty of time to practise writing them! In addition it would be good if you could continue counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and counting to and from 100 at any given opportunity. Thank you! 😊

## Diary Dates

Half-term Holiday: **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, End of term: **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Willow Community Assembly: **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Valentines Day - Non-uniform day - Favourite red/pink outfit - We request £1 donation towards BSA fundraising projects**