

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Families,

What a fantastic January the children have had. We have seen really good progress in phonics and the children continue to enjoy a very wide range of learning activities - a very popular activity has been the Farm Shop. There has been so much discussion based learning in this area and it has been wonderful to hear lots of new vocabulary used, based around our topic 'animals'.

In literacy we have been reading stories set on a farm - Farmer Duck, The Little Red Hen and Duck in a Truck. The children described characters and thought about what they might be saying. They also used their phonics to identify the initial sounds of all the animals.

We really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. The children read the story of the Animal Race and found out how different families celebrate. This topic provided us with lots of sensory experiences - rice, noodles and writing in glitter. We also had a go at making our own dragons!

In maths, we have been experimenting with how to combine smaller numbers to make larger numbers. We have looked at numbers up to 8, but have worked specifically on making 5 with different numbers bonds such as: $4 + 1$, $2 + 3$ and then these digits reversed, to show that they can go in any order to still make 5. The children are well on their way to understanding how to partition 5 into two groups.

The children have also been learning new language linked to capacity such as: full, empty and half full. They have been doing lots of water based learning, measuring with many different things such as bottles, tea cups, measuring jugs and scoops.

The children are now going into the lunch hall twice a week and have been doing a fantastic job! Next week, this will increase to three times a

week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). This is to help them prepare for after half term when they will be in the the hall every day. We have also started to attend whole school assemblies on a Friday, where we have a visit from the local church. The children have really enjoyed listening to the interactive Bible stories.

Notices for the week:

- Please look out for more information about a dress up day (insects) coming up on Monday 6th February.
- You should have also received information about a Fairytale workshop that will be taking place after half term. Please make sure you have paid for this using Weduc.
- Reading for pleasure books are now kept outside in the playground. Please change these with your child, no more than twice a week.
- Please remember to book a meal for your child each day.
- If your child has a blending book, please send this to school everyday because we use this in class.
- Please avoid letting your child bring any toys to school.

Optional home learning:

- We are working hard on blending CVC (c-a-t, d-o-g, m-u-d, s-i-t etc) words. It would be great for your child to continue to do this at home. You could write CVC words, sound them out for your child to blend them orally or ask your child to write some themselves.

Best wishes,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King

