

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During circle time we will be thinking about how we make new friends. What things can we say to make us a good friend?

Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to talk about the Chinese culture and share their observations through role-play and exploring Chinese artefacts. The children will also be given the opportunity to look at Chinese writing in various forms and talk about how different it is to the way they write at school.

Physical Development

The children will develop their fine motor skills by using chop sticks to pick up noodles, wool and other materials.

Literacy

The children will listen to stories such as *The Great Race* and *Lanterns and Firecrackers* which will help us to learn about celebrations and customs of the Lunar New Year. The children can practise writing Chinese symbols, using chalks on black paper and thick black paint on larger paper.

Nursery Learning

5th-9th February 2024

Lunar New Year



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be able to paint a Chinese dragon from observation - looking closely at a dragon's head, noticing colours and painting what they see. The children will also be making dragons in our creative area. The children will be listening to Chinese music, using instruments and dancing underneath an authentic Chinese dragon's head.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the Lunar New Year and its traditions. Perhaps at home the children could find out which Chinese zodiac animal they are, depending on the year they were born?

Mathematics

We will be playing some maths games to practice ordering numbers with a Lunar New Year theme.