



Newsletter - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year last week. At snack time they ate fried rice, prawn crackers with sweet chilli sauce and crispy seaweed! They also heard the story of how the twelve animals of the zodiac were chosen, I wonder if they can retell the story to you? At the creative area the children very carefully cut along lines to create a lantern and decorated them with red and gold sparkly paper as these colours are seen as lucky by the Chinese.

At the mark making table the children had a very good go at copying the Chinese symbols for the numerals 1-10, they get quite intricate after number 3!

In the malleable area the children have been building up the strength in their hands by picking dried peas out of rice using tweezers or chopsticks, not as easy as it may sound!

Outside the children joined up with ducklings and had a fantastic muddy time creating muddy stir fry, YUM! They also investigated the sounds that percussion instruments make and created their own interpretation of a dragon dance.

#### This week's objectives:

EAD - Exploring & Using Media & Materials - Enjoying joining in with dancing and ring games - 30-50 mths

M - Shape, Space & Measure - Beginning to talk about the shape of everyday objects - 30-50 mths

CL - Understanding - Shows an understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top' and 'behind' by either carrying out an action or selecting the correct picture - 30-50 mths

M - Number - Recognises numbers 1-5 - 40-60 mths

- Sometimes matches number and quantity correctly - 30-50 mths

You can help your child learn by: looking at what shapes you can see in the environment. What shape is your table, the windows, the pictures on the walls, the street signs, the paving stones? Over the holidays you could have a competition and see how many shapes you can find. Feel free to email any pictures to either myself: [j.stock@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.stock@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk) or Miss Rickus at [l.rickus@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.rickus@carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk) thank you.

Please can you return your child's All About Me by the end of the week. Thank you.

Website - We now have our own section on the school website [www.carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.carletongreen.lancs.sch.uk) where you will be able to access our blog and leave a comment and read the weekly newsletter.

#### Dates for your diary:

Half-term holiday - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (inc)

Parents Evening - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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