

# Reception News

Spring 1 Week 6 – 9th February 2024

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been learning all about the **Lunar New Year** festival this week. We listened to the story of how twelve animals had a race to see which order the years would be named after them. We showed that we were good at remembering the story because we each wrote a sentence about it afterwards. We have also made Lunar New Year cards, coloured in Chinese dragons, decorated Chinese flags, cut out a paper spiral dragon (for the Year of the Dragon), coloured in Chinese Lions on the PCs - the last one was lots of fun but quite tricky!
- ◆ In our Phonics sessions this week, we have been practising our digraphs and trigraphs and we have been trying hard to read longer words containing these sounds too (e.g. **farmyard**, **carpark**).
- ◆ In Maths we have been thinking about the order of numbers, using the language of more/less. We have also been learning to write the number **10** correctly with the help of “**Tia 10**” on Ten Town. We now know that the number 10 is made up of one 10 and a zero (*not 1 & zero because that would be number 1*).

## Lunar New Year activities...

## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was “Safer Internet Day”. This week we have talked about how to be safe when we are using the Internet as we read the story “**Smartie the Penguin**” and we found out how he learnt to keep safe when using the Internet too. We learnt a little rhyme to help us to remember -

“**Before you click, click, click, you need to think, think, think and TELL SOMEONE!**”.

## Homework

### Literacy

- **10 things to take to Antarctica** - Your child doesn't need to write these themselves, they can tell you & you could scribe for them. We're looking for suggestions of things like hats, gloves, jumpers, scarves, boots, thick socks, coats, sunglasses (yes, really!), cameras, a picnic, etc.
- Sounds - please can you recap the recently covered digraphs & trigraphs in the brown sound books?
- Reading books - *please write us a comment every week to let us know how your child managed with their books at home, thank you.*
- Sight words.

### Maths

- Practise forming number **10** in their yellow books and on the Ten Town website, along with recognising taught numbers.