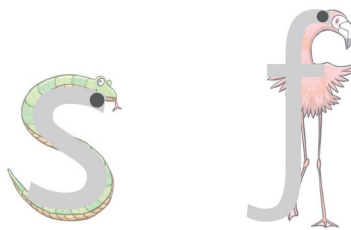




## Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds **ur**, **ow**, **oi** and **ear**. In addition, we revised all our other double and triple sounds. As you now know, many of them have two or three letters and the children are finding them hard! We have been busy revising all the tricky words taught so far and learnt the new tricky words **my**, **by** and **all**. We have been practising forming the letters 's' and 'f' in our handwriting groups. Next week in class, we will be hunting for tricky words in captions and sentences and writing words and captions using some of the double letter sounds (digraphs) we have learnt so far.



Down the snake from head to tail.

Down the flamingo to its foot and across its wings.

In Numeracy, we have been identifying and naming shapes with 4 sides. We have been looking for squares and rectangles in our environment and have introduced the children to using mathematical vocabulary such as 'sides,' 'straight' and 'corners.' The children are beginning to understand that both rectangles and squares have 4 straight sides and 4 corners. The children learnt that squares are special because each of the 4 sides are equal in length and learnt that 2D shapes are always flat. You could ask your child to find as many squares and rectangles as they can at home or challenge them to see how many they can spot on their way to and from school.



White Rose Maths Hub have a free app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their fluency skills within addition and subtraction and to recognise key facts quickly. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.

In our topic work, we have enjoyed finding out all about Chinese New Year. We have learnt why some people celebrate Chinese New Year and the different kinds of celebrations that take place. We learnt that this year it is the year of the snake.



Please click on the link below if you would like to share the Chinese New Year Dragon Dance song that we have been singing this week with your child.

[Chinese New Year Dragon Dance](#)

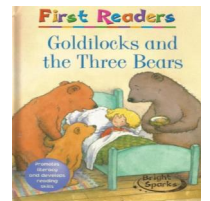
This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

I can tell you all about  
Chinese New Year

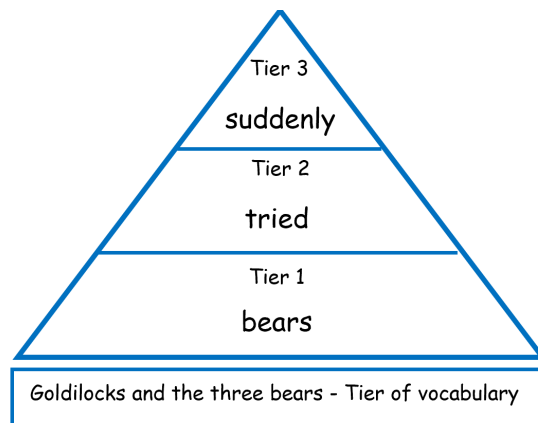


Following on from our enquiry learning this week about Chinese New Year, this week's word of the week is: **Festival**

Our class reader this week is: **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**



Here are some of the words that we have been exploring from our class reader this week.



If you do have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell