

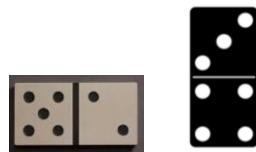
## Reception Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been recapping the phase 3 sounds and practised blending the sounds together to read words e.g. **rain**, **dark**, **fork**, **hair**, **boxer** and **soil**. We identified the two and three letter sounds in each word and carefully read each word aloud. We have been practising recognising the tricky words **they**, **all**, **are** and **sure**. Please continue to encourage your child to practise recognising these words by sight. Little and often is best.

In Numeracy, we have been exploring the composition of 7. We used dominoes to explore pairs to 7 and recorded number sentences using the + and = signs.



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**

In Reception, we are using the **WellComm language screening tool** to help us support children's early communication and language development. WellComm is a nationally recognised screening programme that looks at areas such as understanding, speaking, vocabulary and listening skills. It helps us identify children who may need a little extra support with their language, as well as those who are developing as expected. Using WellComm allows us to put the right support in place early, helping children build the strong communication skills they need for learning, confidence and social development throughout their time in school. Please ask a member of the team if you would like any further information about Wellcomm or alternatively click on the link below. We will be in touch if your child is identified as having a speech and language delay and will work with you to best support you and your child going forward. We have lots of Wellcomm activities that you can use to support your children's language at home so we look forward to sharing those with you.

[Wellcomm](#)

Thank you to Alfie and Seb's mum who was our Mystery Reader last week. The children waited in anticipation to find out who their Mystery Reader was and thoroughly enjoyed listening to her story. We can't wait to find out who it will be next time?

Finally, have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's home/school book.

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell