



Our Learning

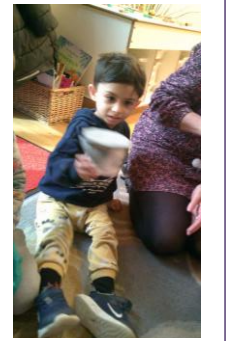
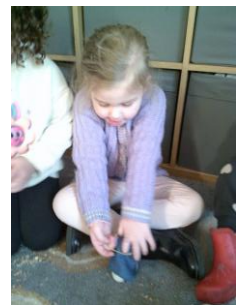


This Week

Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January

This week we have had loads of fun learning about Chinese and Lunar New Year which is being celebrated this Wednesday by some of our families. The children enjoyed sharing the book 1st Festivals Lunar New Year. This explains how the event is celebrated by the giving of gifts of money in special red envelopes, releasing lanterns, setting off fireworks and the spectacular dragon dance which is performed in some communities around the world. We loved exploring a range of artefacts such as bowls, clothes, chopsticks, and a beautiful piece of satin material which we used as a dragon's body. Everyone enjoyed dressing up in our traditional costumes, making comparisons between them and their own clothing. We found out that each year is named after an animal. This year is the year of the snake. The children were extremely excited when they discovered that they were born in either the year of the rat or the ox.

During our time together we have been using our fabulous fine motor skills and our creativity to make wonderful shakers. We used a variety of media which included pots, lentils, tape, paper and elastic bands to make our instruments. Afterwards we used our shakers to accompany some of our favourite songs noticing the different sounds and rhythms that we could produce.



Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February

We will be continuing our exploration of numbers, focusing on the number 5, using mathematical language to describe it, singing number songs, recognising 5 sounds, making 5 movements and picking 5 counters from a larger group to put on a 5 frame.

We are going to share the book 'Going on a Bear Hunt' and we are looking forward to using the nursery garden to act out the story.

We will also be sharing rhyming stories to develop our phonological awareness (knowledge of the sounds of language) so that we are able to spot and suggest rhymes.

At Home

You might like to watch this engaging video about 5 BBC iPlayer - [Numberblocks Series 1](#)

You could use kitchen utensils such as spoons, pan lids and bowls to create music to accompany some familiar songs.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Lunar New year especially our families celebrating this week.

This week our key words are **rhythm, rhyme, marks, hunt and five.**