

# Nursery Learning Activities

## w/b 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Chinese New Year

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February is the beginning of the Chinese New Year and it is the Year of the Ox. People born in the **Ox year** are reliable and trustworthy. They put their entire heart into everything they do. They feel great responsibility towards their family as well. After last week's 'express yourself' day it is a great opportunity to talk about what makes the children special and their personality traits.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVCIAj8q-lY> is the story of the Great Race! Told by Cbeebies.

Cbeebies also have a series called 'Let's Celebrate' looking at how different families celebrate special times.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcRMRp9-Z08>



#### Maths-

During Chinese New Year celebrations, children are sometimes given envelopes with money inside! With an adult, look at some coins and see if you can see any numbers on them. What numbers can you see? What shape are the coins? What colours are they?

Talk about ordinal numbers (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> etc) with the children by placing the animals in the order that they finished the race. You can use toys to represent the animals.

#### Phonics

##### Sounds like:

Use a bag with some objects inside to explore initial sounds. When an object is pulled out, they try to think of something else that starts with that sound.

##### Wake up Geraldine: (or another animal)

Explain that Geraldine has fallen asleep and can only be woken up by hearing the initial sound of an object that is picked out of a bag. If a bead is picked they need to whisper 'b' (getting louder until she wakes up!)

#### Mark Making

This week we are practicing the shapes and lines we make to help us write. We are using cotton buds and paint, We also use chalk outside and practice these shapes. Another activity will be writing these in the air using our large movements. All of these will help the children. I will be sending out more information about mark making over the next few weeks.

