

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas period.

As you will see from this newsletter, our main focus this half term will be exploring China and the Chinese New Year. If you have any resources that may be useful to us please let us know. We may need to ask for a small donation to support our Chinese New Year themed day which will take place in the last week of the half term.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you health and happiness in this new year.

Mrs Shah and Mrs Coe



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## Science

Our Science theme this half term is about forces and motion. We will be exploring a range of different pushes and pulls by looking at toys and objects in the world around us. After Christmas it would be a good opportunity to explore how you can use pushes and pulls with your new toys at home.

We will perform investigations to find out more about how objects move, including how we speed them up and slow them down. This will be an opportunity to begin looking at the force of friction.

If you have any examples of different push/pull toys at home, which you can send in to help our work, this would be much appreciated in the first week.

## Creative Curriculum

This half term, our curriculum is based around the theme of Chinese New Year. We will begin by exploring where China is in the world using atlases and the internet. We will go on to explore the human and physical features of China.

We plan to celebrate the Chinese New Year with a themed day at the end of the half term. At this time we will sample foods, practice calligraphy, explore Chinese dance and retell Chinese traditional tales.

Children will then work in groups to research a part of Chinese life that they are interested in to create a mini project. Your help with finding out at home would be much appreciated.



## Literacy

Our literacy work will be focused on reading and writing traditional stories. We will continue from our visit to the Pantomime by looking at the features of this genre.

We will continue to build on developing our descriptive writing by looking at settings and characters in the stories we read.

We will explore different versions of the same stories, including versions from China. Children will then have an opportunity to write their own version of a traditional tale.

Any opportunities to practise writing at home, will be beneficial.

## Numeracy

The children will be covering a range of numeracy topics, including money & measures, as well as everyday practice of counting & number bonds. We will also continue to practise simple multiplication and division. It will be useful to your child to involve them in everyday mathematical activities, to help reinforce skills in these areas, for example: counting out coins when shopping, counting & laying out cutlery at mealtimes, weighing ingredients for cooking & talking about different 2D & 3D shapes in the environment. Homework will continue to be set each Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.