



The News at Derwentwater

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Friday 17th of January

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun week it's been in Reception despite the horrible weather!

- This week, we read *The Snail and The Whale*. It's been a great book to read which has meant our classrooms have turned into an underwater scene! When reading the book, we have been focusing on rhyming words and have played lots of games about matching rhyming words together. Despite being a tricky concept, the children have picked it up really well!
- This week in Maths, we have been looking at money. The children have been exploring coins and what they look like. We have also created a shop in our classroom so that the children can practise counting up coins.



This week our stars of the week are:

- Turtles – Loric
- Dolphins - Ramla

Week Beginning 20th January 2020.

Focus: Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is coming up soon and so we are going to spend the whole of next week looking at it in detail so that the children have an understanding of it.

We are going to be tasting some traditional Chinese food, making Chinese lanterns, and even trying to copy some Chinese calligraphy.



In Maths, we are going to be continuing to look at money and will be making traditional Chinese red money envelopes, which they give to each other to celebrate the New Year.

Important Information

- **Donations**
 - If any families have boxes, cartons, yogurt pots (cleaned) that they could collect and bring into school we would greatly appreciate this for our making areas.
 - If any families have any dressing up clothes that they don't use anymore, we would love them! They would be a great asset to our Communication and Language room.
- **Stay and Play** will continue every Friday, from 9:00 am - 9:30 am, make sure you sign in at the office first.

Ideas for Home

- Dressing for the weather and looking after our bodies in the cold – Talk to your child about the importance of keeping their bodies warm and drinking lots of water during cold weather.
- Dressing and undressing independently – support your child to independently put on their jumpers, coats, gloves and scarves. Support them to get dressed on their own in the morning before school.
- Being responsible for our own belongings – encourage your child to ensure they look after their hats, scarves and gloves during the cold weather

Keywords for the week:

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| • China | • Lantern |
| • New Year | • Noodles |
| • Celebrate | • Chopsticks |

Have a great weekend!

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