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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics and Literacy**

We have looked at the vowel digraphs igh and oa over the last week and we have used our phonics knowledge to read our books on Bug Club containing these sounds. In our Literacy lessons we continued with our work on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We made porridge and then we wrote our own set of instructions thinking about the steps we took in making the porridge. This week we are focusing on Chinese New Year. We will be looking at the story The Magic Paintbrush, a traditional Chinese folktale.

**Maths**

Last week we focused on the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We thought about the composition of these numbers and drew part whole models to show how these numbers can be made up. We practised recognising the numbers and showing them using our fingers. We also thought about one more and one less and looked at number lines to help us work out the answer.

**Topic**

This week is our final week of our Galilee to Jerusalem Religious Education topic. We are going to be looking at the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and sharing ideas and experiences about this miracle. We will be exploring what a miracle is and learning that it is a moment of wonder. We will be recapping what we have learned throughout the topic talking about all of the stories we have looked at.

We will also be learning about Chinese New Year this week, painting dragons and cherry blossoms and learning about the festival and how it takes place all over the world.

**Homework**

- Please continue to access the Phonics Bug reading books or individual books at home. Try to read **three** times a week or every day if possible.

- Could you practise writing the tricky words: *they* and *you* and the sentence *“We chat a lot.”*

We hope you all have a fantastic half term break and enjoy the rest. The children have worked so hard over the last six weeks and we are looking forward to celebrating all of their achievements on Parent’s Evening.

Many thanks, please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

The Reception Team



