

Foundation Home Learning



Montpelier
Primary School
*Learning Together
Achieving Success*

27th – 31st January 2020

Coffee Shop:
This term Mon-
Thu 8.30-9.30 and
you can attend
any morning you
are free with Mrs
Gilbert!

Would you believe we have had nearly two 'normal' weeks in a row! This is always quite rare in Foundation as we have so many wonderful and exciting opportunities that we can incorporate into our curriculum.

On Monday the children learnt about a new celebration – Chinese New Year. We talked about celebrations that we have as a family and how we all celebrate different events. The children were very excited that it was the year of the rat and enjoyed learning the Chinese New Year story. In Literacy we read *Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson and discussed friendship, manners and why we should not take things that belong to others. All children this week have enjoyed cooking in the kitchen, making Chinese rice and noodles with soy sauce, we were so impressed with them trying new foods and experiences. We reinforced health and safety and following instructions and in our guided groups, practised writing instructions and why it is so important to get them in the right order.

This week in Phonics Len has introduced our new digraphs **oa (goat in a boat)**, **ar (start the car)** and **ur (nurse with a purse)** plus recapped tricky words **my** and **her**. The children have made paper plate boats and had rowing competitions in their 'boats', used real purses with money in their role play and have been driving round in their pretend cars – this was brilliant in PE as they move through the gears getting faster, jumping over speed bumps, twirling around roundabouts and a very slow and steady reverse!

In Maths this week our numbers of the week have been 11, 12, 13 and 14. We have continued to use Spinderella to help us learn what we can do instead of saying 'lots' and 'loads'. We have been learning to estimate or guess how many we think and each class has loved having an estimation station – guessing how many objects in the jar, it has been great fun!

Home Learning:

This week as we have been following instructions, can you support your child to make, build, cook etc anything following instructions to help understand the process of doing things in the right order. It can even be practical such as obstacle courses in the park or made into a game e.g first collect 3 leaves, then find a stick. Next hide them. Finally tell to find them. If you follow instructions to make anything creative, please bring these in to school as we would love to display them.

Dates for this term:

Tuesday 11th February – Parents and Carers Evening 3.30-6.30 (please all sign up for these using your eSchools log in, any problems please speak to your class teacher)

Thursday 13th February – Parents and Carers Evening 3.30-6.30

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term (the children are half way through their Foundation year – eek!)

