



YEAR R WRENS

Class Teacher: Mrs Davies

LSA: Mrs Dinning, Mrs Drury and Mrs White

Important Diary Dates and Reminders

25th March- Parents' Evening

Notices

Lunches- Please remember to select your meal choices on Arbor.

Class Update

2026 the year of the Horse



This week our theme was the Lunar New Year. We learnt that the Lunar New Year is celebrated in China and east Asia which linked back to our learning of the continents a few weeks ago. We learnt about the traditions- food, music, dancing, gifts... We also read the story **The Great Race** which explained why the years are names after twelve specific animals. The children understand that the Lunar New Year is on a different date each year and follows the first new moon. This year it will be

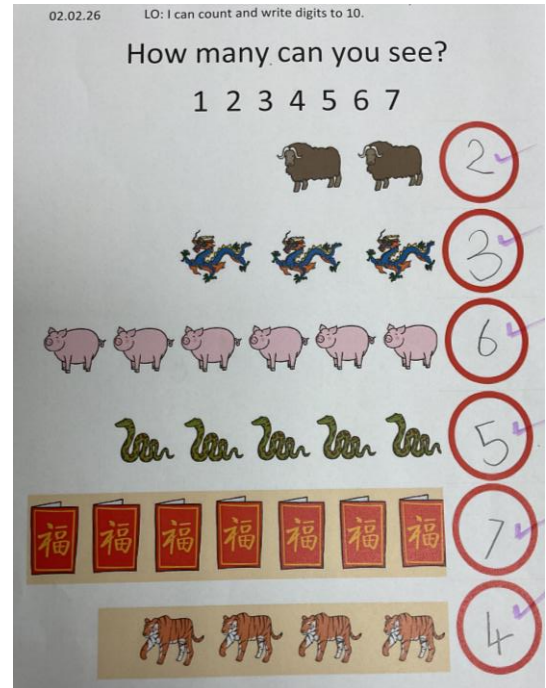
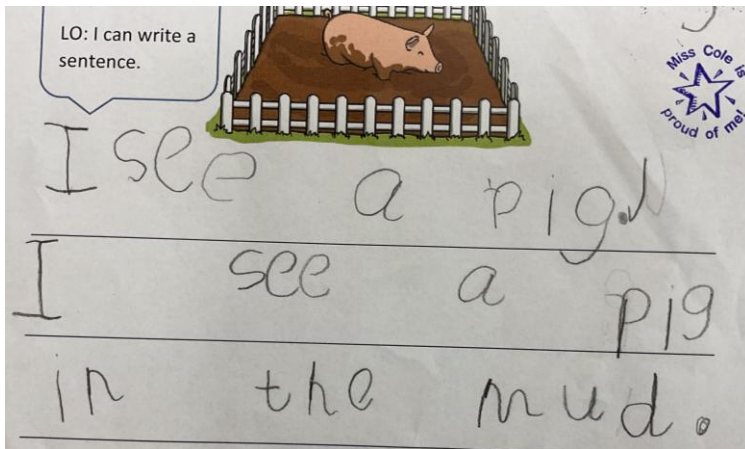
celebrated on February 17th and it will be the year of the horse. The children were very enthusiastic about this topic.

In phonics, we reviewed all our newly taught digraphs and trigraphs. We also continued reading longer words and even compound words like bedroom and rooftop. The children learnt a trick to help read longer words called "chunk it up". We start by blending the beginning of the word and then the end of the word. Finally, we put it all together. Next week we will continue to review our sounds and the next phonics assessment will take place.

Again, A big thank you to the parent readers who came during the afternoons to listen to the children read. The children's blending and fluency is really coming along.

This week the children started writing sentences! At this point in the year, they are heavily supported to plan their sentence out loud and then guided with the spelling and punctuation. The goal is by the

end of Reception the children will be able to independently write a simple sentence with letters that are mostly formed correctly and with phonetic spelling. We will get there!



In maths, we focused on the number 6, 7 and 8. We looked at different ways of composing these numbers for example: $6 = 3+3$ or $5+1$ or $4+2$. We also started exploring odd and even numbers.

In PE this week, we carried on with our ball skills and dance. In PSHE, we discussed what is safe and unsafe to put in our bodies. We talked about medicine and that it should only be consumed if given by an adult. We also looked at other products or chemicals found around the house/school that could be harmful to our bodies.

On Monday, Mrs Draper will be in class with us. She will spend time with the children during the day and will be available to informally meet parents after school at pick up.

In the bookbags you will find the Home Link book, a new sharing book, a folder with the Reading Record and a decodable book. We will continue to add a second reading book on Mondays so the children have more opportunities to read. These books are from a previous reading scheme and have not been practised at school beforehand.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

