

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Spring Term- 9th February 2024



Nursery Class

As it has been Well Being Week in school we have dedicated time each day to complete activities which can help keep our bodies and brains happy and healthy. We did meditation, yoga, breathing exercises and took part in some extra physical activities. (See our class story for the daily posts!) For Well Being Day we read the story 'Have You Filled A Bucket Today?' and thought of different ways we can show kindness and appreciation. We took part in a whole school art project and everyone printed their hand on a large scale tapestry which will be displayed in school.

We also learned about Chinese New Year. We made lanterns for the home corner, made dragon masks, tasted some Chinese food and played in our Chinese Shop role play area. We even learned how to say 'hello' in Chinese (Ni hao) and incorporated this into our daily Hello Song.

In Maths we started learning about number 5: identifying, counting, matching and making sets of 5. We also learned what number 5 looks like and found out that a pentagon is a 5-sided shape! We were given a challenge: to make a pentagon using 5 coloured sticks!

Here is a link to an online version of 'Have You Filled A Bucket Today?' : [Have you filled your bucket?](#) Here is a link to one of our wellbeing activities: [Well Being Activity](#)

More exciting news...the builders have been working hard this week transforming our outdoor area. It should all be ready after half term!

Reception Class

This week has been a very busy week in Reception. We have had a fantastic turn out for our Stay and Play Sessions and the children have loved having the opportunity to share their learning with you. Thank you to all those who attended. We will plan another one in the next term.

In class we have continued exploring Chinese New Year and even finished our learning with some food tasting. We tried prawn crackers and spring rolls. We talked about foods we like and foods we dislike. We read the story of 'The Zodiac Year' and how all the animals had a race to decide which animal each year will be called after. In Maths we have been comparing length and height and using the language of longer, shorter, taller and smaller. We then joined in with our whole school well being day and had lots of fun contributing to our whole school canvas.

Key Dates:

Monday 19th February is a staff INSET Day so children are not in school this day.

Tuesday 20th February 2024- Back to school after half term.

Reminders:

If you are in a position to be able to do so please send in £1.00 a week towards Snack.

Just a reminder no nut products to be brought into school this includes Nutella products.