

This week in Early Years, our topic is
Chinese New Year.
(30.1.12)

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<p>We will continue to think about 'Going for Goals' and will talk about the things we said we would like to get better at. We will reinforce the rules established in our 'Forest School' so that we are safe. We will continue to learn about how the Chinese celebrate Chinese New Year and about the food they eat.</p>
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy Development</p>	<p>We will retell the story of how the Chinese Years got their names and write labels and captions to help retell the story. We will write menus for our Chinese Restaurant and takeaway role play which is now up and running. We will begin to make a Forest School diary in which we will record the things we do each week. In Phonics we will continue to practise blending and segmenting.</p>
<p>Mathematical Development</p>	<p>We will learn about money this week, looking at 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins and match the coins to the same amount in pennies (e.g. match a 5p coin to 5 pennies). We will make menus for the role play area and then use the menus in our play. We will explore money and coins in other areas within the classroom.</p>
<p>Knowledge and Understanding of the World</p>	<p>We will have a visit from Eva's Grandma who will talk to us about Chinese New Year and cook noodles and stir fry vegetables for us to try. In the Forest School we will look at the things we made last week and learn the new skill of whittling sticks. In ICT we will explore the program 'Mouse Island' which will practise our Maths skills.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>We will continue to develop our throwing, catching and ball control skills. We will practise safe climbing and balancing. In the Forest School we will learn how to whittle a stick safely. In Handwriting we will focus on the correct formation of c, o and a.</p>
<p>Creative Development</p>	<p>We will use leaves in the forest area to make leaf kebabs and party hats. We will make Chinese money envelopes and have the opportunity to make, draw or paint Chinese Dragons.</p>

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