



Tiger's Newsletter 4th February 2022



Our week began with our winter welly walk! We braved the wild winds and used our senses to explore our local woodland area. We talked about what we saw, heard and felt and wrote some super sentences to describe our experience.

We learned all about Chinese New Year and enjoyed our Chinese banquet (as a treat for filling our marble jars). We used chopsticks to taste rice, noodles, prawn crackers, soya sauce and sweet chilli sauce! We also made Chinese lanterns, dragons, Tiger masks and practised writing using Chinese symbols. We learned about China and that more people live there than in any other country in the world! We learned how Chinese New Year is celebrated and made cards for our friends and families.

In phonics, we learned 'air' (chair in the air) and 'er' (a bigger digger). We also practised reading words with more than 1 syllable and learned to 'chunk' them to read them. This means reading the words in smaller parts, for example – boxer would be chunked into box/er and rabbit would be chunked into rabb/it. Please use this technique when reading at home too! We also learned the tricky words **are, sure** and **pure**.

In maths, we explored the concept of **height** and used the words **tall, taller and taller than** to compare with **short, shorter and shorter than**. The children drew around their hand and enjoyed finding things which were taller or shorter than their hand. They worked with a friend to measure how many hands tall something is! They are bringing these home too they can practise measuring at home. Please send in an email with any photos of them doing so! We looked at number 7 this week. We found 7 objects, representations of 7 or the numeral 7 and practised making 7 in different ways.

We watched 'Why does Purple play differently?' (A lesson from our 1 decision PSED programme). Purple is autistic and she doesn't always follow the same rules as everybody else. We discussed why some children have extra help at school; in terms of spots to sit on, weighted objects to hold, ear defenders at lunchtime or an individual timetable. These stories and discussions help the children to learn about others and to help build positive relationships with each other.

In RE next week, the children will be learning about children being welcomed into the world. If your child is christened, please send an email and/or photo or let us know. **We would like all children to be involved, so please send in a photo of your child as a baby (with the name on the back please) or email a photo to the address below.**

If you want to share anything your child has done at home or if you have any questions, email us on our tiger class e-mail - leebriggstigers@watertonacademytrust.org. **And don't forget to check our Twitter page so you can see what we've been doing this week!**

From Mrs Tutt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Guppy, Mrs Greaves and Miss Taylor (The reception team)