

# NEWSLETTER



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

新年好! Happy New Year! We have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year on Wednesday. It is the year of the Snake and Miss Preston, ably supported by Isabelle in Year 2, provided us with a retelling of the story of "The Great Race" and a look at some ways in which Chinese New Year is celebrated in China and across the world. Thank you Isabelle!

Our Year 3 pupils continue to bring cheer to the elderly residents at Margaret House. Unfortunately there have been a few weeks recently when an outbreak of flu has meant we couldn't visit however this week we were able to go along and the residents were delighted to see us again.

Growing bulbs in our raised beds and the few sunny days we have had remind us of how spring is around the corner. With Candlemas on the 2nd February this often when we see noticeably longer days and sometimes a promise of spring in the air.

We hope everyone has a happy weekend.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Benefice confirmation service by Bishop Richard at St Margaret of Antioch in Barley on Sunday 9th of March at 10:30am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please let Rev Mark know – revmarkbridgen@gmail.com or 01763 848756.
- School Valentines Dance – 7<sup>th</sup> February (Nursery to Year 1, 4pm until 5pm – Year 2 to 4 5pm until 6pm) at Barley Hall.
- February half-term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>.

*"Living Life in All Its Fullness" – John 10*

# VALENTINES DANCE

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Barley Hall

FOBBs have kindly organised a Valentines Dance for the school children to eat, dance and get their face painted.

- Barkway children (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) are invited from 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- Barley children (Years 2, 3 and 4) are invited from 5.00pm - 6.00pm

There will be pizza and snacks/drinks, a Valentine theme Photo Booth, glow sticks for all and lots of dancing.

Tickets are £5 for 1 child, £7.50 for two or £10 for three

Parents who are able to stay will be provided with hot/cold drinks with nibbles in the classroom across from the Hall.

Siblings are welcome too!

Please contact Kelly Whitaker, details below, if you would like to come:

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# STARS OF THE WEEK

Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in our Sharing Assembly.

Stars are chosen for good behaviour, excellent work, demonstrating school values...

## NURSERY

This week in Nursery, our star is Margot! This week in Maths the children have been learning all about the number 2.

Margot enjoyed going on a hunt for representations of 2 around the classroom. Margot was determined to find them all and managed to tick off every box.

Well done Margo!



## RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Vinnie is our star of the week for amazing phonics. Vinnie has been showing fantastic effort in phonics and we are all really proud of him! He has been trying so hard with his blending skills during reading and he has been able to independently hear initial and end sounds when writing words in Drawing Club.

Well done, Vinnie!

## YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Reggie is the star of the week for his fabulous learning! He has had an amazing week - Reggie remembered facts about fish in Science and wrote "fish" independently. He recalled facts in geography and when asked what a physical feature was he said "the world because it grows". Reggie also has practiced his cycling skills on the playground and everyone is so proud of him!

Well done Reggie.



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## YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Angelica-Mae is the shining star for being so kind and polite. Angelica-Mae really encourages her classmates if ever they need a little boost. She will suggest activities they can do together and will always use lots of 'bucket filling' words. Angelica-Mae will always manage situations in a calm considered way and is always polite.

We really value your behaviour choices Angelica-Mae because they benefit others, helping us to feel better!



## YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Annie is our star of the week. Annie used many scientific skills including asking questions, making predictions and observing using different scientific equipment.

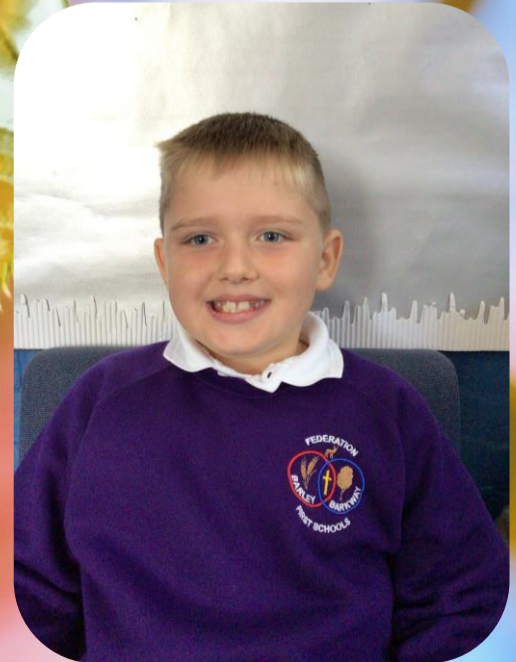
Annie was a super scientist this week to use a magnifying glass to observe the differences between soils. Annie was surprised to find a minibeast in her soil sample. Annie was able to talk about the differences between the soils and successfully set up her experiment to see which soils would absorb more water.

Well done Annie.

## YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Sonny. In our history lesson last week, we were writing a news report about when the Vikings invaded. I was so impressed by Sonny and his focus on his work. He stayed on task for the whole lesson and produced an excellent piece of work.

Well done Sonny!



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## ART STAR

This week Reign in year 3 is art star.

We have just begun looking at landscapes by the artist David Hockney the challenge for year 3 was to paint a quick landscape from their imaginations using vibrant colours and showing perspective.

This was a great start to our project, well done Reign.

## SPORTS STAR

This our sports star is Esme for showing great control and creativity during her jumps and balances in gymnastics.



## NURSERY AND RECEPTION

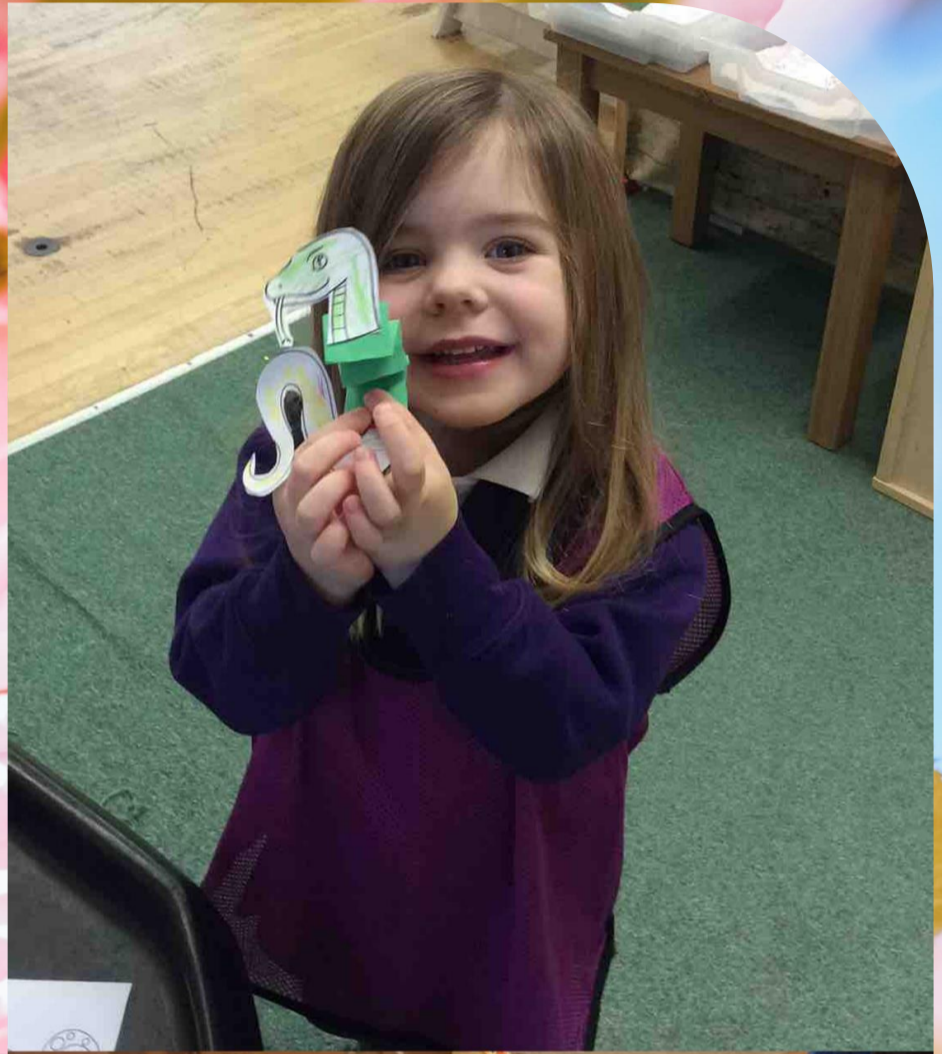
This week in Oak class we have been learning all about the Lunar New Year.

The children have enjoyed learning about how and why Lunar New Year is celebrated as well as learning the Lunar New Year story, 'The Great Race'.

This year is the year of the snake and the children have been making their own folding snakes.

They have enjoyed watching 'dragon dances' and then using our dragon costume to have a go themselves.

# LUNAR NEW YEAR



# THE ZODIAC SIGNS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

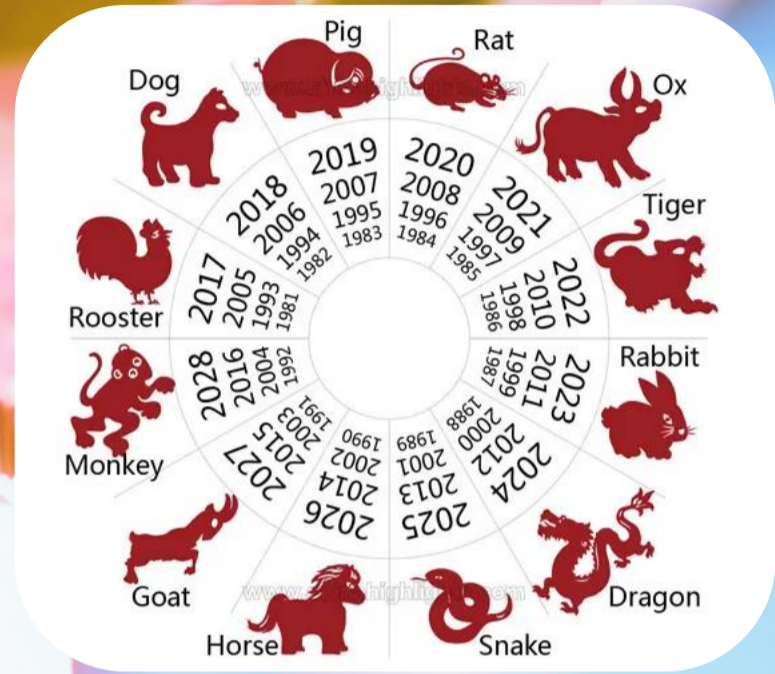
## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 Miss Preston presented an assembly covering the Lunar New Year.

The children listened to a story read by Miss Preston about how the Chinese zodiac signs were created as a way to measure time.

Miss Preston went on to explain about how different countries across Asia celebrate the Lunar New Year, for example; special meals, spending time with family and friends, and even fireworks.

The Year 1 children have enjoyed listening to traditional Chinese music and tried Chinese food.



Each year a child is born they are born under the year of different Zodiacs.

Here are the Zodiac signs for each year group across our school:

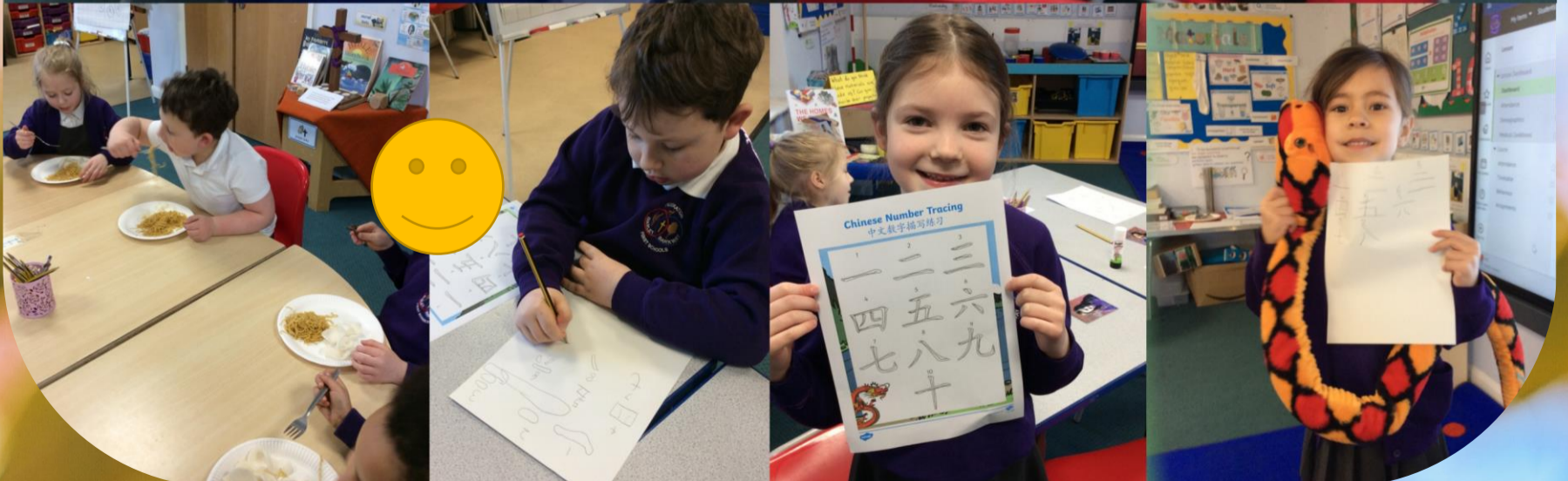
- Nursery (3 years old) - Rat
- Nursery / Reception (4 years old) - Ox
- Reception / Year 1 (5 years old) - Pig
- Year 1 / Year 2 (6 years old) - Dog
- Year 2 / Year 3 (7 years old) - Rooster
- Year 3 / Year 4 (8 years old) - Monkey
- Year 4 (9 years old) - Goat



# CHINESE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

## YEAR 2

Year 2 had lots of fun completing some Chinese New Year activities on Wednesday. They practised writing Chinese numbers to 10, enjoyed eating some noodles and crackers and made some brilliant 3-d snakes from paper plates!



# TOUCH TYPE WRITING

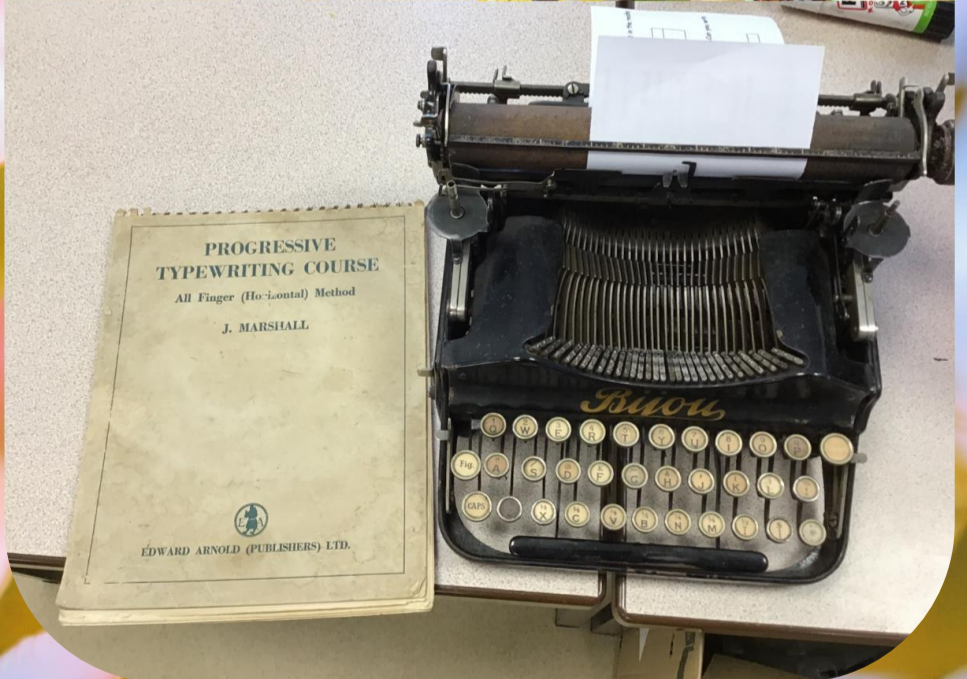
## YEAR 3

In year 3, we have been learning to touch type in Computing.

This week, we went to visit Mrs Piper to see what a fabulous typist she is.

Mrs Porter brought a typewriter and manual from 1953 into school. We used an extract from a typing manual to carry out some typing exercises.

We are progressing our keyboard skills and learning how to keep our fingers on the home keys - 'asdf' and 'jkl' - to enhance our typing skills.



# CHAPTER WRITING

## YEAR 3 & 4

Year 3 and Year 4 had both finished their writing units so shared their work with each other this week.

Year 3 had been innovating their own chapter with new characters based on Alice in Wonderland.

Year 4 had written a news report about the criminal Mrs Makewell who had covered Mrs Brown's office in paper.

