



# Reception Home Learning 16.1.23

## Understanding The World

This week we will be learning all about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated around the world.

As well as sampling some traditional Chinese cuisine and learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated, we will also be looking at globes and maps of the world.

## We are reading:



*Holidays and Festivals: Chinese New Year* by Nancy Dickmann  
*The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac* by Emily Hiles  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q\\_IY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q_IY)

Enjoy watching this with your child. 2023 is the year of the rabbit.

## **Vocabulary**

fiction, non fiction, fact, festival, lantern, celebrate, globe, China, country, United Kingdom, England Ireland, Scotland Wales, heritage, culture, traditions

## Maths

We will be learning to understand and use positional language. Children need to experience seeing things from different perspectives and to be able to describe relative positions.

### **Suggested activities:**

Plenty of experience with construction equipment, jigsaws, following routes indoors and outdoors and searching for hidden objects by following instructions will all help to develop their spatial awareness.

## **Vocabulary**

In, on, under, next to, behind, in front of, up, down, across, near, far, forwards, backwards

## Space, Light and Dark

Our role play areas is being transformed into a space centre this half term to fit in with our Space theme.

### **Talking points for home:**

What sort of jobs do people do in a space centre?  
What do they wear?  
Who works in a space station?  
How do they get there?  
Where is the space station?

Observing the moon and the stars at night is something we can't do in school - but if you do get chance to have a look out of the window before bed and discuss what you can see in the sky, we hope to develop further the children's interest in this topic.

## Phonics

Phase 2 tricky words song  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVMyssfAUx0>

Learning to read the tricky words gives the children a great advantage when developing reading fluency. The tricky words song is a great way to engage the children and help them remember those tricky words which cannot be sounded out!

