

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Talk about fireworks- how do they make you feel? Excited/ scared
- Provide chopsticks, a bowl, a variety of small objects and a one-minute egg timer with the activity. The children pick up as many objects as they can in a minute with the chopsticks and place them into the bowl. They can try to beat their own record or play with friends.

Harewood Nursery School Weekly Planning for Nursery and Pre-school

8/2/2021

Story of the Week- Lanterns and Firecrackers
Rhyme of the Week- Chinese Dragon (Squiggle Rhyme)

*Letter of the week- P

*Number of the week – 6

(*Just Nursery)

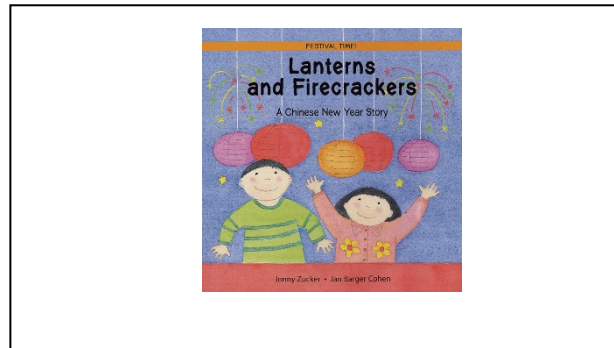
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Maths

- Numberblocks- Number 6
- Sing counting songs/rhymes incl rhyme of the week.
- Race the animals- introduce language of 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.
- Set up a race track with timers and a clearly marked start and finish. Provide Rosettes to promote discussions about who finished in which position.
- Hide these Chinese New Year Numbers into a large activity tray full of noodles, with chopsticks.

Communication and Language

- Talk about the parade- What animals did you see? What colours? How were they dancing?
- Talk about words linked to fireworks- 'whoosh' 'bang', 'crackle', 'fizz' Can your children think of others?
- Place a variety of small world animals outside, such as an owl, a lion and a polar bear. The children can make up a new story about different animals trying to cross a river (the water tray).
- Enhance your home corner with Chinese New Year items, such as decorations, lanterns, chopsticks, money envelopes, etc.



Understanding the World

- Find out about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. Watch CBeebies Let's Celebrate.
- Is this celebration similar to anything you have celebrated? When do we have fireworks?
- Match Chinese New Year animals.
- Watch the dragon and lion dances
- Find out which animal year you were born under? Find out for your whole family.
- Find out where China is
- Taste Chinese food.

Physical Development

- Squiggle While We Wiggle- Chinese Dragon / Dough disco
- Funky fingers- use tweezers to pick out pom poms from wool (like picking up noodles)
- Sensory exploration of noodles raw/cooked- try using chop sticks.
- Sensory exploration- transporting rice- using different sized spoons and containers
- Fold red paper to make a Chinese Fan.
- Firework exercises- fly like a rocket, jump for a banger, spin like a catherine wheel.

Literacy

- Read story- Lanterns and Firecrackers, listen to story of Chinese New Year/ Dragons in the City
- Have a go at mark making Chinese symbols for animals, numbers etc
- Chinese Sensory writing in sand - outside
- Make our own lucky red envelope- with gold writing
- Fill buckets with water and gold glitter, and add large paintbrushes to them for the children to paint 'sparkly' pictures on the outdoor walls or floor.

Expressive Art and Design

- Make a Chinese Lantern
- Make a paper plate Chinese Drum
- Cherry Blossom printing with bottom of plastic bottle
- Have our own musical parade outside
- Decorate a piece of red paper with gold before folding to make a Chinese fan.
- Add a mixture of cooked and dried noodles to a large activity tray for the children to explore different textures. (Remind the children not to eat either type of noodle.)