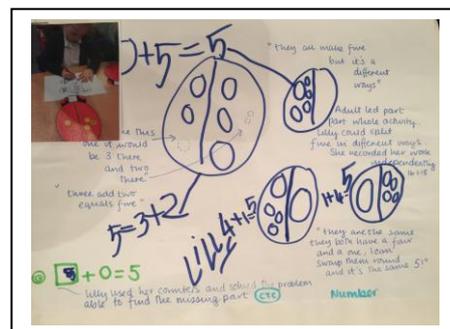


Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

This week we have found out about the RNLI. Angela and Dick came in to talk to us about the work of the RNLI volunteers and how we can keep ourselves safe at the seaside. We looked at lots of different dangers such as walking near the cliff edge, taking inflatables in to the sea and playing in the sea near boats and jet skis. We learned about the different coloured beach flags and where it is safe/not safe to swim and body board. Everyone enjoyed trying on the lifeboat crew uniform, despite it being quite heavy and rescuing Ted in his dinghy.

As part of our celebrations theme, we have found out about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated. This year is the year of the dog! We have listened to the Chinese zodiac story and found out which year we were born in and the animal that represents us. We have watched dragon and lion dances and listened to Chinese music. We have had the opportunity to make paper lanterns, paint Chinese characters and construct a dancing dragon. Using the internet and non-fiction books, we have learned about lucky money in special envelopes, the special clothes, food and decorations that they have and compared this with some of the special times that we celebrate. **Gung hay fat choy!**

In phonics we have linked sounds to the letters **ai** (r-ai-n) **ee** (n-ee-d) **igh** (l-igh-t) **oa** (b-oa-t) We have introduced joining these letters as this makes them easier to remember and prepares your child for joining their writing in year 1. Take care saying **ai** clearly or some children may hear **e**. Saying **ee** clearly will ensure that children don't hear **i**.



During maths we have continued to explore addition; practising the skill of counting on from the biggest number. As detectives we have investigated how many different ways we can split 5 into two groups and recorded our findings with pictures, numerals and symbols.

As part of our school enrichment activities, we enjoyed watching the pantomime. The children were an enthusiastic audience who sang along, clapped, cheered and booed!

### Home Learning challenge

To copy the letters **ai ee igh oa** and have a go at writing these independently. Your child can also draw pictures or stick in photos or objects that contain each sound such as a **goat, night, seed, tail**.

Thank you for your continued support. It really does make a difference.

The EYFS Ducklings' team ☺