



# Foundation Stage News

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## Our learning this week:

The children have had a wonderfully creative week in school exploring the Festival of Chinese New Year. They have found out about the exciting traditions of the dragon dance, lantern lighting and the good luck which is brought by the colour red. We all enjoyed the Chinese tale of the Zodiac and Stripy our class pet tiger has been very proud to say he is the animal of the year this year! He received a special parcel from Po the Panda in China which contained a sprig of spring blossom, chopsticks, a lantern, a red pocket of coins and a smart red ribbon to wear. We hope the children have brightened your home with their wonderful creations....'Gung Hay Fat Choi' to you all!

## Our key story for next week: The Little Red Hen

## How you can support your child:

This is a great story for developing the children's knowledge of how bread is made and the process of making flour. Perhaps you could have a try at baking some bread at home with your child. It's a lovely opportunity to extend your child's vocabulary, explore number and measures when preparing ingredients and using their knowledge of letter sounds to work out the words on the packages.

There is a strong message about the importance of being responsible and helping others in this story. The hen repeatedly uses the phrase "Who will help me...." followed by a job. To encourage your child to carry out their daily responsibilities and to embed this storytelling language you could also use it at home in a playful way e.g. "Who will help me lay the table?" followed by lots of praise for their help!

### Vocabulary we are learning next week:

wheat	flour	mill
sack	dough	rise

## A message from the team:

Mrs Russell and Miss Watkinson are hoping to return to school really soon but in the meantime are zooming into class for two daily teaching sessions and liaising closely with the excellent Foundation Stage team to support the children's learning and wellbeing.

We thank you for all your well wishes. ❤️

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Please follow the links below to access the videos for the letter sounds your child has learned this week so they can practise them at home with you:

letter v – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ezmxwgB/CA4e3W5l>

letter y – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ifa9o3W4K/JN08bXa4>

letter w – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tj5cekIU/INCqknhy>

letter z – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Qec8bvwk/p8axAmu6>

letter x – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NjNie4PE/6suELEF6>

Blending sounds to read the word: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vC3wSrcV/yTciWm7E>

Fred-talk to spell the words: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hlo5friw/KUC5MUFJ>