## Class: Purple



## Our Learning Newsletter: Spring 1



## **My Communication**





## **My Cognition**



In school we are learning:

All about the Lunar New Year celebrated by many Asian communities, and the Year of the Dragon.

To show our likes and dislikes through body language and expression, and eye gaze, point or reach for a choice of two items. Home learning opportunities: Give opportunities for your child to make choices, and show their preferences. This could be animal toys, or animal sounds,

In school we are learning:

To build attention of motivating activities, including anticipating what comes next; following objects or sounds as they move out of sight; and performing actions with cause and effect.

Home learning opportunities:

Play 'ready steady go' games such as racing, knocking down towers, pop-up toys... anything really!

Partially hide motivating toys in a clear container or under something for a hide and seek game.



## My Body

from the Chinese Zodiac.





## My Community



In school we are learning:

To focus on and track different lights; notice and react to different sounds connected to the Song of the Dragon, and start to move our bodies to music; mark-making in different sensory materials.

Home learning opportunities:

Play with light and sound toys and games; dance to music or play along with percussion instruments; use hands/fingers to make marks in flour, rice, lentils, shaving foam etc or try chunky pens/crayons on paper.

In school we are learning:

To locate and move to different parts of our school; with increasing independence; to recognise members of our community such as classmates and family members; to join group experiences.

Home learning opportunities:

Play games which involve waiting for your turn. Look at photos of family members and discuss these. Give your child the opportunity to try and find parts of the house on their own!



# My Care and Independence





### **PSHE**



In school we are learning:

To make choices around food and drink, and how to feed ourselves; individual targets based around personal care needs; cooking such as mixing ingredients and using appliances with switches.

Home learning opportunities:

Provide options where possible for what to eat or drink, and encourage your child to feed themselves as much as they can with your support. Perhaps try this with food prep, cleaning etc too.

In school we are learning:

About 'good' and 'bad' secrets and surprises, and things that may make us happy or sad, through shared attention sessions and the use of ICT and the internet.

Home learning opportunities:

Try exploring the YouTube Kids app together and commenting on videos that you like/dislike, make you laugh or want to look away. Playing games with a pop-up element can also produce a surprise that makes us jump, then laugh together.



## **Discovery Days**



In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects.

For our RE this term we are learning about:

The concept of 'special' and the religion of Buddhism, through exploring objects, events and foods which are considered special during the Lunar new Year.

Home learning opportunities:

You may like to explore some Chinese New Year resources together, or go to see Southampton's celebrations. Perhaps you could try some Chinese foods.

## **Useful Websites/Apps**

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

#### **Lunar New Year resources:**

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/chinese-lunar-new-year

https://visitsouthampton.co.uk/events/southampton-city-official-chinese-new-year-2024-celebrations

https://visitsouthampton.co.uk/events/chinese-new-year-celebration-year-of-the-dragon-prosperity-and-joy

#### Internet Safety resources for parents:

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\_uk/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024#:~:text=Safer%20Internet%20Day%202024%20will,around%20the%20theme%20'Inspiring%20change%3F

#### **Class Reminders**

Purple Class children will all get an opportunity to swim on a Monday morning for approximately one half-term. We will contact parents/carers individually ahead of your child's slot.

23rd January - Careers Coffee morning