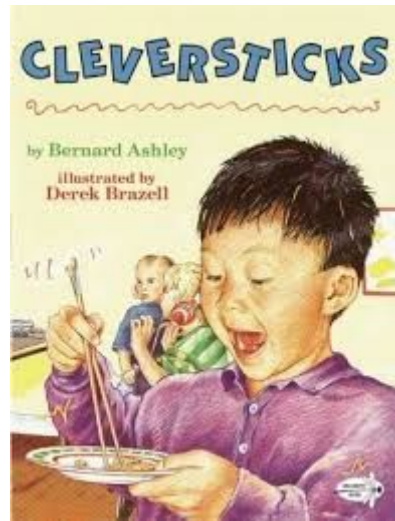


Home Learning with the Nursery ~ Week 2: 08/02/21

Hello everyone!

Chinese New Year is coming and this week we are discovering more about this celebration.



Our book this week is 'Cleversticks' by Bernard Ashley

Click here for a link to the story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1MzdGNXsGQ>

We'll be talking about: the things we are good at and the things that we find tricky **C&L**

- What are you really good at? Running, jumping, drawing, dancing... **PSED**
- Is there something that you would like to be able to do that you can't do yet?
- What can you do to get better at this thing?

We'll be having ago and not giving up:

Try using chopsticks to pick up small items like bottle tops or rubber bands. You can use something like paintbrushes or pencils to be your chopsticks, just like Bernard and his friends in the book.

Top tip - activities such as squeezing and squashing dough, threading pasta shapes, cutting with scissors and collage with fine pieces such as lentils will all help to develop the fine motor skills and muscle strength needed for early mark making and writing development. **PD, L**

Discovering Chinese New Year UW PSED

It's always interesting to find out about something new and to compare it to what we know and what we do.

- What do you celebrate with your family?
- What are the traditions of your celebration - maybe you give gifts, eat special foods, or wear special clothes?
- Talk about the similarities and the differences

Click here to hear about Abbie's preparations with her family for the big celebration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8ssHXZ9-qU>

Here's a link to the traditional Chinese New Year story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVCIaj8g_IY

This year is the Year of the OX

- Try to find out the animal which represents the year that you were born.
(Mums and dads and brothers and sisters would probably love to know their animal too!)
- Maybe you could draw a picture or make a mask of your special animal?



Click here to watch an amazing **Lion Dance** display.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bs0GuU0cUtw>

- Talk about the colours and costumes
- Talk about the street scene - does it look like where you live?
- Move to the music or maybe get out a pots and pans drum kit to play along! PD EAD

Red is a lucky colour for new year

Go on a colour hunt around your home, how many **red** things can you find?



We'll be making:

Paper chinese dragon puppets like these ~ PD EAD



We'll also be trying our hand at: Chinese calligraphy L M PD

Can you draw the Chinese numerals 1 to 10?



We'll be counting sets too for the traditional *chinese lucky money envelopes*. Count out all of the pennies - how many altogether?

- Count out repeated sets of the same number - e.g. how many sets of 3 coins can you count out?

Collect any set of interesting objects to count and sort - stones, pasta shapes, toy animals , whatever interests your child. M

A guide to the early years curriculum - how activities support learning and development:

Prime areas of learning	Specific areas of learning
PSED personal, social and emotional development	L literacy - reading and writing (early mark making)
C&L communication and language	M maths
PD physical development	UW understanding the world
	EAD expressive arts and design

We'd love to see what you are doing at home. You can send examples of your work to the school by email to: nursery.learning@maryland.newham.sch.uk