



Maple and Acorn News

Stars of the week: Matthew D.C. & Jacob W.



Learning Challenge – Chinese New Year



Personal, Social and Emotional- the children have been learning about other people's cultures and beliefs by celebrating Chinese New Year.

Communication, Language and Literacy – they have been listening to the story of the animal race and trying to understand the significance of this story to the Chinese New Year.

Problem Solving, Reason and Maths- the children have been learning to add and subtract using fingers, multilink and unifix.

Knowledge and Understanding of the world- they have been trying to find out about China and the Chinese people by tasting Chinese food and finding out where China is on the world map.

Physical Development- the children will be developing their skills in games and using the apparatus. They will also be using their imagination in dance to match movement to music.

Creative Development- the children will be encouraged to make Chinese lanterns, happy New Year cards, red envelopes, dragons, animal masks to celebrate the year of the dragon.



Over the page is a slip for you to fill in to let us know if the children have been talking about their learning at home or showing you how to do things such as addition or subtraction. This will be very useful as these can go into each child's individual profiles.

If you have any of these items at home or know where they can get these items free please donate or tell us in school:-

Old radios, tape recorders, video players etc., curtain rings, nuts and bolts, bricks, old crates, large boxes, bamboo cane, material, old sheets, etc. for capes, push chairs, tyke pedal cars, Barbie dolls and outfits, boys' toys e.g. robots, space ships, play mobil, transformers, power rangers.

NB please ensure that the toys are in good condition.



Well done to all the children that have come into school by themselves!



Please come and see our

Fab Finisher Exhibition in Acorn and Maple

Class on the

7th February starting at 2.45.

Please come in through the main entrance that the children come in, in the morning.

Our favourite learning has been ... making Chinese decorations to celebrate Chinese New Year and tasting Chinese food.

We are looking forward to seeing you come and have a look at the robots the children have made at our exhibition – 7th February 2.45





Chestnut and Rowan

Our favourite learning has been:

We enjoyed testing which materials would be good to make a pirate ship out of. We tested rock, glass, cloth, plastic, wood and metal. We knew that a ship needed to float and rock and metal sank. We found that wood and plastic floated best, but wood was best for a ship because plastic didn't exist in pirate times!

We are looking forward to:

Making our own treasure maps and treasure chests.

Presenting our work to our parents on

FAB Finisher Day - Wednesday 8th February 2012 at 2pm.



We wanted to find out how a ship moved. We made our own sails from 2 small sticks, some cloth and some blue-tack. We pushed the sticks through the cloth and stuck them into the blue-tack on top of a toy car. When we blew into the sail, the car moved along just like the wind blowing a real ships sail!

Our Reporter this week is Lillie in Rowan Class



Testing how a ship's sail works.



Finding which materials are good

Maple and Acorn 'Let Us Know' Slip

Name _____

Date _____

What your child has shown or talked about from the learning at school:-

We would also be pleased to hear about any future discussions you have had with your child about their learning.