



Smithy Bridge Primary School

A FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents with children in Nursery and Reception,

This year, Chinese New Year falls on Tuesday 5th February and the festival will last to February 19th, about 15 days in total. 2019 is the Year of the Pig. This is a huge event in the Chinese calendar and we have planned lots of activities, including learning which animal in the Chinese zodiac it was the year your child was born, using chopsticks, making lanterns, taking part in dragon dancing, creating Chinese style music and listening to the traditional Chinese New Year story.

If anybody has any Chinese artefacts, or other resources at home, which we could use to enhance our topic, please send them in as soon as possible, clearly marked with your child's name. We would also love to know if any of our children or parents have ever been to China, taken part in any Chinese New Year celebrations, seen dragon dancing or have visited 'China Town' in a big city. If you join any of the Chinese New Year celebrations, which are happening over the coming weekend, you could tell us all about it in your home/school books this week.

On Friday (8th February), we are going to have a non uniform 'Red day' in the Early Years classes. In Chinese culture, red is considered to be an extremely lucky colour and is a very prominent colour during New Year celebrations. We would like to ask if children could come to school wearing something red. Please don't go and buy something special, a red hair bobble, red t-shirt or red socks with their ordinary clothes will be fine.

One of the activities on offer on 'Red Day' for the children to choose from, if they wish, will be face painting. If you DO NOT want your child to have their face painted please inform the class teacher. If we do not hear from you, we will assume they are allowed to choose face painting if they wish to.

Kind Regards,

Miss Copeland,
Early Years Leader.

