

## Week Beginning 28.1.19



**This week:** What a cold and icy week we had. The children enjoyed exploring and looking for ice outside. We looked at different types of houses and talked about the features that the houses had in common. We shared what our own homes look like and discussed how we are all different. We planned our houses, like builders do, and we discussed what materials we could use to bring our designs to life! The children enjoyed building their houses and we have loved watching their attention to detail, testing their ideas, planning and making decisions about how to approach the task and reach their goal.



**In phonics:** We have continued to read multi syllable (compound) words and clapped the syllables we heard in the words e.g. picnic. Our new rainbow word this week was 'go'. Our new consonant cluster this week was 'sp' and we read words with this cluster such as 'spell', 'spin', 'spot'.

**In maths:** We have continued to explore the language of measuring but this week we have focused on **weight**. We compared many different objects of different weights. The children used classroom items such as feathers from our creative areas and fruit from our snack tables to compare and contrast different weights. The children really enjoyed estimating which item they thought would be the heaviest/lightest between two items, using the key mathematical vocabulary for weight, such as heavier, lighter and balanced. Afterwards, the children loved testing their estimations using a balance scales.



**Next week:** We will be celebrating Chinese New Year! We have many activities planned to teach the children all about this celebration.

In maths we will introduce everyday language such as "full", "empty" to explore "capacity".

**Bug challenge:** 

Discuss different types of houses that you may see on the way to school. Do you live in a detached or semi-detached house, a flat, a bungalow? Can you draw your house and label it? Don't forget to share your drawing on tapestry!

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Make a cake at home and weigh out your ingredients! Try to use our new vocabulary of heavy, light, heavier, lighter.