

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The children have had a great week at school despite all the coughs and colds going around!

This week the children have been exploring a range of activities to celebrate Chinese New Year as well as learning about Road Safety as part of our enquiry "How do we look after ourselves?" Ask your child about Super Cat's Road Safety Rap!

In Phonics next week, we will be learning the digraph **er** and also introducing the children to the concept of 'alien' words. These are words that can be decoded but are nonsense words e.g pef/noll/wep. The children will have to read a selection of words and decide if they are real or alien words. Maybe you could have a go at this at home - the children do find it funny when they come across an alien word and they enjoy making them up too! Enclosed is a handwriting sheet for the ladder letter 'u' which we have been practising in school this week.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about ordinal numbers and taking parts in races. We have discovered that it is quite tricky to say some of the ordinal numbers! Next week we will be doing activities based around 'teen' numbers and using

Numicon to help understand place value. We use the vocabulary 'tens' and 'ones' to talk about place value e.g 14 is 1 ten and 4 one's.

### Spare clothes

We are running low on spare socks (particularly girls) and tights. If you have any at home that have been borrowed from school could you please return them or if you have any that you are able to donate to our spare clothes cupboard, it would be much appreciated - thank you!

If you would like to come in and help either on a regular basis or ad hoc, we would love to hear from you!

Have a lovely weekend  
The Foundation Stage Team