



Bellfield Infant School News

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Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder
inspires success*

We are now half way through the spring term and we are all hoping that we are reaching the end of the cold weather and Spring is just around the corner.

Reception have been designing their own underpants for the 'Aliens Love Underpants' and there is array of colours and styles displayed across the classrooms. They had lots of fun making their 'alien slime'. They have also been learning about animals and which part of the world they come from.

Year 2 have been using the story 'The Tunnel' to support their learning in school and have created an eye catching display which hopefully you will be able to see soon for those not in school. They have also been creative making Valentine biscuits to give to a loved one!



With Shrove Tuesday looming, some of the children in school have also practised making pancakes ready to help at home.

It has been a fun week in school with children learning about and celebrating the Chinese New Year. It is the Year of the Ox. Do you know what animal you were born under? Take a look at the chart below.

	Snake	1941 1953 1965 1977 1989 2001 2013
	Horse	1942 1954 1966 1978 1990 2002 2014
	Goat	1943 1955 1967 1979 1991 2003 2015
	Monkey	1944 1956 1968 1980 1992 2004 2016
	Rooster	1945 1957 1969 1981 1993 2005 2017
	Dog	1946 1958 1970 1982 1994 2006 2018
	Pig	1947 1959 1971 1983 1995 2007 2019
	Rat	1948 1960 1972 1984 1996 2008 2020
	Ox	1949 1961 1973 1985 1997 2009 2021
	Tiger	1950 1962 1974 1986 1998 2010 2022
	Rabbit	1951 1963 1975 1987 1999 2011 2023
	Dragon	1952 1964 1976 1988 2000 2012 2024

Year 1 made a magnificent Chinese dragon and performed a dragon dance in the playground so that the other children could watch at a distance. It was fantastic!



As well as making the dragon, Year 1 enjoyed a Chinese 'food' day, where they made vegetable curry, noodles and rice. It smelt delicious and the children practised their chop stick skills to eat it.

It's two weeks until Bournville BookFest for Schools begins, with FREE videos to inspire 6 to 12-year-olds to pick up books, write poetry, draw and get creative!

The short films have been made especially for schools and home-educating families in 2021, by the team behind the Bournville BookFest children's book festival. The emphasis is on fun and "having a go" in the run-up to World Book Day, and the films feature well-known and entertaining authors Michael Rosen, Benjamin Zephaniah, Katherine Rundell, Cressida Cowell and Nick Sharratt.

You are invited to register for previews of the films and updates, by simply emailing "Register" to: education@busyparentsnetwork.com

Downloadable printer-friendly learning packs are available on the Bournville BookFest [website](https://www.bournvillebookfest.co.uk) now.

For a little taste of what's in store, take a look at BookFest patron, Nick Sharratt with a draw-along of one of his best-loved characters from the picture book Shark in the Park <https://youtu.be/Vu9bgUihEP8>.

School is closed for Half term next week to all pupils and re-opens to Key worker children on Monday 22nd February. There is no Home Learning next week and packs will be available on-line or to collect when school re opens.