

Nursery has loved learning about Chinese New Year! They have acted out the story of the zodiac in small world play. Using animal puppets the children made them cross the river in the correct order. Miss Genn read a story to the children about how people celebrate Chinese New Year, and the children asked to dress up as lions and dragons. They walked around the classroom under a sheet moving up and down, in a similar way to the traditional dances they saw in a video.

We talked about the different food people eat in China, and decided to make spring rolls. The children tasted the different vegetables and then rolled them up into pancakes. Once they were cooked we had a Chinese tea party on the carpet and listened to traditional Chinese music whilst eating our delicious spring rolls.

Another fun Chinese themed activity was learning how to use chopsticks. The children had to transfer cotton wool balls from a basket to their golden plates only using chopsticks. They loved taking part in this activity and even took their chopsticks in to the rice tray and tried to pick up single grains of rice... which some children could do!

The children have continued to count to 10 this week, they have been building number towers using the unifix. They even made "a really long snake" with the unifix and measured themselves against it on the floor, it was 4 children long, or one Miss Genn and two children!

This week we took full advantage of the beautiful weather on Tuesday and went on a bug hunt in the vegetable garden. This was because we were learning about the Parasha which this week is the first 7 plagues. We focused on learning the first 3 plagues, blood, frogs and lice. We jumped like frogs which was a lot of fun.

This week Nursery carried on with the topic מִשְׁפָּחָה - Family. The class will continue learning this topic throughout this half term. The words for this topic include: מִשְׁפָּחָה (Mishpacha – family), סָבָא (Saba – grandfather), סָבָתָא (Savta – grandmother), אִמָּא (Ima – mum), אָבָא (Aba – dad), יָלֵד (Yeled – boy) & יָלְדָּה (Yalda – girl).

The class will learn the song אִמָּא יֵקָרָה לִי (Ima yekara li - My dearest mummy). You can find the song on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztb4sKeDYVY> or: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztb4sKeDYVY>

Shabbat Shalom

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