



This Weeks 'What's Happening'



Welcome back and we hope you had a good half term holiday! Please look out for our latest newsletter for this second Spring half term with details of the core story for all the classes. There are also details of how the children's current interests will be developed and enhanced with related activities for you to support at home as well dates for special events including World Book day and our hatching chick eggs!



To view this week's menu please visit the news section of our website and **Week 3b from our winter menu**. Why not try some of the Better Health, Healthier Families recipes at home! Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/>

This week



The Sign of the Week this week is "Dragon"

Watch Lucinda and family make the sign at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqKDTPoTZBQ>



This week

Last Tuesday was **Shrove Tuesday** or Pancake Day which is the last day before the start of the Christian observance of Lent. The children will be practicing flipping playdough pancakes and will make real pancakes. Look out in our entrance for our pancake and dairy free pancake recipes for you to try at home. Or look up this easy recipe from CBeebies

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/pancake-recipe>



This week in red and purple rooms



The last week before the holidays the children in **red** and **purple** rooms have been engaging in role play in the home corner with the baby dolls and their friends. So this week the children will be learning how babies need nappies, bottles with a teat and sometimes dummies because they are so young and small. But as they grow up children start to drink out of a cup and use the toilet because they are no longer babies. For tips on how to ditch the dummy and toilet training at home visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/potty-training-tips/zh7kr2p> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/weaning-baby-off-dummy/z62b3j6#:~:text=Set%20limits%20and%20stick%20to,moments%2C%20but%20it%20will%20pass.>

This week in blue, and yellow rooms

This week the children will be learning all about the **Chinese New Year of the Dragon** and how it is celebrated by people across the world. They will have the opportunity to try Chinese foods and take part in some dragon dancing with ribbons and scarves. Find out how children prepare for and celebrate their Chinese New Year at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/chinese-new-year?collection=chinese-lunarnew-year>



Watch staff from **blue** and **yellow** rooms read

The Great Race.

Watch the story on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/StrongCloseNS/videos>

