



## Teaching and Learning

### Class 1 and 2

In Class 1 and 2 this week we have been learning about Chinese New Year, we had a visit from Ella at Zoolab who had come to tell us about the story behind Chinese New Year. She brought lots of animals with her for us to learn about, look at and even hold! Lots of the animals were those that took part in The Great Race.

After our workshop we did lots of Chinese New Year inspired activities including; making a dragon puppet, making Chinese Lanterns, writing some Chinese numbers, writing cards and acting out The Great Race story.



### Forest School

Year 5 and 6 had a very busy Forest School session this week. 2 groups were in charge of maintaining the fire and cooking for the class while the others used clove hitches and square lashing to make frames and 3D sculptures from sticks. During exploring time many children chose to use the hammers and made some fantastic creations.

# Fountains C of E Primary School

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

## Parent Forum – Summary

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting this week. I really appreciate the feedback and I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

During the meeting we discussed the different types of communication the school currently uses, what is working well and what we could consider changing moving forward. It was suggested that we use a blackboard on the yard to communicate the headline information for the week. We also talked about improving the website and app so that information can easily be retrieved.

The parents at the meeting expressed an interest in getting more involved with school: being invited to collective worship, attending enrichment afternoons, meet the teacher drop ins and open sessions where you can come into school to work alongside your child. This in turn would help provide your children with an audience to help them develop as performers.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to email me your comments:

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## Emotional Wellbeing

Next half term we are hoping to organise a 'Be kind to your mind' day. Children's mental and emotional health and wellbeing are extremely important and we are hoping to introduce a number of new initiatives. For example; the daily mile, mindfulness, meditation and develop safe relaxing zones in each of our classrooms. If you have any information, ideas or would be able to support us in any way, I would love to hear from you.

## Community

The school are pleased to confirm that we are supporting Grantley Village Hall who are hosting an imaginative new take on a favourite fairy tale, to deliver a magical and relatable retelling of Hansel and Gretel. Told from the children's perspective, two young heroes brave a big journey and find themselves lost in London, overwhelmed by the sights, sounds and smells. Separated from their kind guardian, the clever duo must use their smarts and determination to outwit the adults and find a way for their little modern family to stay together in a show where kids are number one!

Can't wait until the performance? Click the link to see a video of what to expect: <https://bit.ly/2RuVn0u>

Tickets are available now [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org) or [gvh@live.co.uk](mailto:gvh@live.co.uk) or 01765 620235.