

Help me  
grow at home:

- Reading my phonics book
- Drawing and painting
- Read a bedtime story
- Cutting and sticking
- Cooking together
- Messy play & Play-Doh



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Key Books  
For this  
topic:

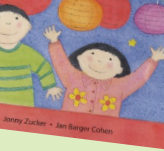
The Tiger Who  
Came  
to Tea



Judith Kerr

Lanterns  
and Firecrackers

A Chinese New Year Story



Jeremy Zucker

Jan Berger Collins

Illustrated by Jan Berger Collins



### Weekend challenge homework:

As we have been learning about people who help us this half term, we would like the children to make a poster about which "helpful hero" job they find the most interesting. It can contain pictures, drawings, information, and interesting facts found from research. The children will be given the opportunity to share their posters with their peers.

Please bring your posters to school no later than Friday 13th February.

### People Who Help Us (4 weeks)

This half term the children have been learning about people who work in important roles in our society, and whose jobs contribute to all of our lives. This includes professions such as firefighters, police officers, doctors, builders, and paramedics. The children loved their dress up day and special helpful hero challenges. We found clues to solve the crime of "who took the cookie from the cookie jar" (spoiler alert: it was the giraffe teddy!), saved a poor cuddly toy who was stuck up a tree, went on a treasure hunt to find helpful equipment and matched them to the correct person and their job, and we made school crossing guard stop signs! What a busy day!

### Lunar New Year (2 weeks)

We are very excited to be starting our Lunar New Year topic off with a Chinese food tasting session. The children will get to experience what it is like to celebrate the Lunar New Year and learn how people in other cultures and across the world celebrate this special time. The children will be taking part in lots of arts and crafts activities which include making lanterns, and sculpting clay tealight holders.

### Wonderful Winter (throughout)

Children have continued to explore seasonal changes, this half term looking at the signs of winter. They have learned about what happens during winter and how people adapt to suit the weather such as wearing warmer clothes and doing more activities indoors.



### Spring 1 summary of learning so far and what is to come!

Firstly, we would like to thank all of our parents and carers for everything that you do to support your child and their educational journey at school. As part of this topic letter we have outlined what the children have learned so far this term and our plans for the next two weeks. There is also a weekend challenge for homework this week for the children to participate in. We also have a few helpful reminders from the teachers: Only water in bottles, no juice, squash or flavoured water. This is because sipping on juice from a bottle throughout the day is linked with accelerated tooth decay. It also attracts ants into class during warmer months due to the sugars in the drink. Spillages also happen fairly frequently, this is much easier to clean up if children are only bringing in water and ensures carpets and surfaces in school are not stained. Please bring your book bag, reading log, and reading book to school every day. Please remember to read your phonics book and record your reads at least 3 times a week. Please remember to bring a warm waterproof coat and hats/gloves as it has been very wet and cold recently and the children will go outside in all weathers. Thank you.