



### Drawing Club Vocabulary

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- China
- Emperor
- Zodiac
- Festival
- Chopsticks
- Lantern
- Ni hao (hello)
- Kung hei fat choy (Happy New Year)

### Watch the story of the week here



### The Great Race



### Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds:

**ure er ow (snow)**

We have now learnt all of the Phase 2 phonic sounds and have moved onto Phase 3 which includes digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound).



### Maths

This week we have been exploring subtraction. We learnt that **'When we subtract/ take away, the number gets smaller.'**

We have been practising reading subtraction number sentences (sums) and using cubes to find the answers.

We also explored drawing items to represent the starting quantity and then crossing them out to find the answer.

$$5 - 3 =$$



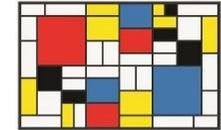
You can watch the Numberblocks episodes again here:

[Numberblocks - Holes](#) [Numberblocks - 10 green bottles](#)  
[Numberblocks - Rally](#)



### Amazing Artists

This week we continued our learning about our artist for the term – **Piet Mondrian**, a Dutch painter. We explored **printing** using paint and squares and rectangles to recreate our own version of his famous painting.



### Discovery Detectives (History, Geography, Science)

This week we learnt about **Chinese New Year** and how it is celebrated. We found China on the globe, watched videos about how people prepare and celebrate Chinese New Year and tasted Chinese food.

We also made flags, paper chain dragons and paper lanterns.



### Welly Wednesday

This week we had hoped the sun would shine so we could explore **shadows**. Unfortunately, it was a very cloudy Wednesday so instead we drew around our friends using chalk to make our own shadows! We learnt about what the **sun** is and why the sun is so important. We found out about all the ways the sun helps us and discussed what would happen if the sun was switched off. We had fun decorating our "shadows" with natural resources found on the field.



### RE

This week we shared another story from the Bible, **'The Parable of the Two Sons'**. We discussed that Christians believe that God will forgive people, no matter what they have done, if they are humble and own up to their mistakes.



### Continue your learning at home

Do something to **celebrate** Chinese New Year at home. You could make a paper lantern, try some Chinese food or find out which **sign of the Zodiac** your family members are?