



Year R Learning Journey



Week beginning: 19th January 2026

**This week's topic is 'All around the World',
with a particular focus on Lunar New
Year**

We will be learning about how people
celebrate Lunar New Year, looking at the
origins of the story and the different
customs associated with this celebration.

In Literacy we will be writing facts about
Lunar New Year.

In Maths we will be thinking about long and
short and comparing and ordering objects by
length.

Don't Forget

We are collecting a number of things
for our activities over the next weeks:
kitchen roll, wrapping paper tubes for
making didgeridoos, travel brochures,
postcards, photos from China, Italy or
Australia. We would be grateful for any
donations.

In RE we will be learning about who is
special to us. Please could the children
bring in a photo of who is special to
them. Photos will be returned.

Sounds of the week:

ur ow oi ear

Tricky words of the
week:

My, by, all

Home Challenge

**This week's home learning. You can
do all 3 of the ideas or choose
your favourite.**

You were born in the Lunar year
of the _____.

Draw a picture of this animal
and write its name.



Make a model dragon - you could use cardboard tubes and boxes,
playdough, construction toys or natural materials like leaves and
pebbles. Maybe you could draw a picture or take a photo of your
dragon model!



One of the colours often seen during
Lunar New Year is red. Make a list
of words that rhyme with the word
red, e.g. bed.

How you can help at home

As we are learning about Lunar New Year,
why not find out which year all of your
family members were born in using this
website :

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ChineseNewYear/Zodiac>

Talk to your child about the city and country
they were born in or where their family is
from. Show them on a map where that is in
relation to Southampton.

This week's vocabulary words:

Can you help your child to learn these words and what they mean?

Body, head, small, big, wash, dry, dirty, clean, teeth, tongue, bite, lick



Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds

Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Spring 1 Week 3

Focus - Phonemes ur / ow / oi / ear

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website -

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -



curl the fur

ur



wow owl

ow



boing boing

oi



get near to hear

ear

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

surf

howl

oil

hear

turn

down

join

tear

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

The pig has a curl in his tail.

We go to the shop in town.

He boils the food in the pan.

I can hear the owl hoot.

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

was

you

they

into

my

by

all