

# A MESSAGE FROM RECEPTION



'There's no business like show business!' What a great half term! We have had such an exciting, sparkly and magical time exploring the world of show business. We kicked off the term with an amazing session being wowed by Crouchy the magician.

We have learnt some tricks and have been magicians ourselves in our classroom stage areas.



The term continued with another element of performing- the circus. Juggling, balancing, twisting and turning inspiring our developing physical skills and further feeding our imaginations. We have been rehearsing our circus skills in our outdoor area.

'I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!' growled the big bad wolf. Storytelling was our next theme. Using the traditional tale of three brave pigs we became narrative experts with wonderful dramatic phrases coming through our small world play and our drama performances. We even became authors of our very first books. We can't wait to share them with you! Another trip to forest school has seen us build houses for the three pigs using natural materials. In class we made houses using junk modelling materials.



Our term concluded with a cultural twist as we learnt about the customs of Lunar New Year. Drawing our knowledge of other celebrations together, we were able to talk about the similarities and differences of this colourful festival to others we have explored. Our dragon and lion dancing added further performances to our stage areas. We loved our dragon dancing experience. It allowed us to see a real-life performer in action and gave us the experience needed to be drummers and dancers ourselves.

All our performing arts experiences have been supported by so many wonderful stories. Circus Girl, Wolf Won't Bite, The Diddle That Dummed, Flyaway Katie and Life is Magic were all enjoyed together and explored through our learning environments.

Our next topic is called 'Near and Far'. We will be learning through the excitement of travel to new places and via various forms of transport. It's going to be an adventure into many new places, through languages, food and animals native to the places we will virtually visit.



Thank you for your continued support. Remember to name everything your child brings into school and keep going with all the wonderful reading support at home.

It's making a huge impact on your child's reading development. Have a wonderful, restful break.



... The Reception Team