

## Chinese New Year

The children really enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year. One of our parents came in to tell us a special story about a monster called 'Naan' and sang a celebratory song to us. We tried hard to join in with the words but enjoyed listening most of all because the words were all sung in Chinese. We especially enjoyed eating the rice cakes that we were given. The children found out that red and yellow are very lucky colours at this time of year and we decorated our nursery so that we could benefit from some good luck. Everyone found out about all the animals in the Chinese Zodiac calendar and at snack-time, tasted some traditional Chinese foods. The role-play area was turned into a very busy, but slightly expensive, Chinese Restaurant and the children tried hard to write using Chinese characters. The grand finale was a dragon dance around the nursery grounds. The children had made the dragon and everyone had great fun trying to be the winding dragon whilst moving in time to the music.

