

# Willow Room's Home Learning

## Term 3 - 2024-2025



Term 2 has passed so quickly, and we are now at the start of a very busy Term 3. During this term, in school, we will be theming our activities around the following: Superheroes, Chinese New Year, Burns Night, Valentines Day and Climate Change. We have planned and suggested a selection of activities that will support communication, exploration of your child's sensory environment, making connections, literacy, attention and functional movement. These are only ideas and use things that are either provided or that you may have around the house.



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COLLABORATIVE

# Burns Night



***Balamory*** is a Scottish live-action children's programme on CBeebies for pre-school children, about a fictional small island community off the west coast of Scotland, named *Balamory*. The show has lots of colours, songs and fun stories for you to listen to.

Listen to the song. What do you think? "*I can hear the drums.*"



# Chinese New Year

Happy Chinese New Year!

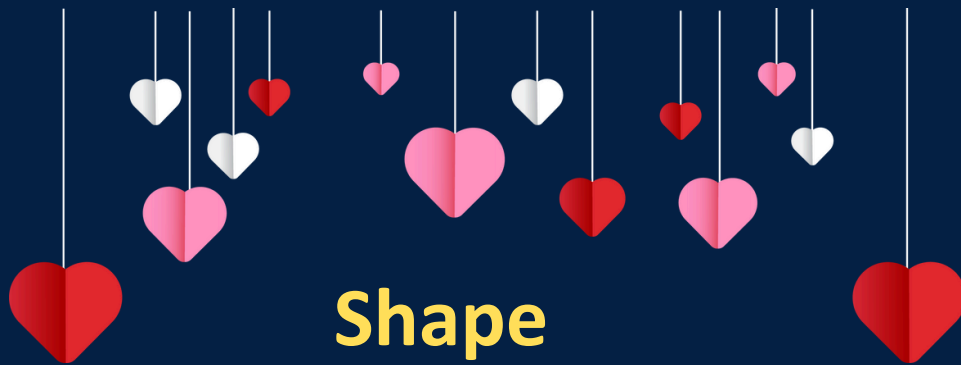
This year will be celebrating Chinese New Year on the 29th of January. It is the Year of the Snake. Chinese New Year is a celebration of the senses, and your child or young person can use all or some of their senses to explore the sights, sounds, smells, texture and tastes (if appropriate) of this festival.

Below is a link to a fun sensory story you may wish to try at home. The story incorporates use of household items to tell the story and use of all of our senses.



# Letters

We are currently looking at the letters in our names. We are focusing on the initial sounds and the shape of the letters. Can you find the letters of your child's name in signs in the community, packaging or story books? Try and re-enforce the sounds as you spot them for your child hear.



# Shape

With Valentines day coming up why not make a card for a loved one with your child? There are so many fun ideas (lots involving paint and mess!). There is a link to some ideas below. If you manage to make a card please share a picture to let us see what you have been doing.





# Book Week

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March 2025. We enjoy celebrating this day at Craighalbert and this year the theme will be Superheroes! We will be looking at different characters in stories this term and sharing our love of books with the children.

World Book Day in conjunction with Yoto and World of Stories are offering a range of free audiobooks that you can share with your child at home. There is a great selection available depending on your child's interests so why not try to listen to one per week until the end of term?



We all have our favourite stories, can you make a list of your child's favourites with them? Perhaps you could bring one of their favourite books to school for them to share with their classmates during world book week?



# Dragon Cookies



Food plays a big part in any celebration or festival and Chinese New Year is no exception. Even if your child is PEG fed or on a restricted or blended diet, exploring the textures of recipe ingredients allows for sensory learning input and is a great opportunity to use their communication book or device to find out their thoughts on each texture/smell. It will be messy but good fun! This is a good activity to do with your child and their sibling(s). On the next page you will find a simple dragon cookie recipe for you to refer to if you want to give this a go.

Remember it's the process and not the result that will support meaningful learning. The finished item can be eaten by family members or crumbled up and used as a sensory activity for your child to feel with hands or feet.





# Weather: Story Massage



As part of our Sustainability Topic we will be learning about Climate Change and Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We will also be looking at the weather and how this changes through our actions. Why not try a story massage with your child? The Story Massage Programme is a really accessible way to help children engage with stories in a meaningful way. It is also wonderful for aiding communication.



We hope you have fun exploring and trying out these activities with your child at home. Please let us know how you get on. We love to get photos of the work you do at home and it creates a super talking point in class as well.

Please let us know if you need any help too. We are more than happy to help!

THANK  
YOU

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