

# Ashleigh Nursery

## Newsletter



28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### This week

This week we have looked at Tigers! And of course, The wonderful book, which is now over 50 years old, The Tiger that Came to Tea, by Judith Kerr was read to the children. We were so impressed how quickly the children learnt a new song and played along with percussion instruments.

Our word of the week 'Empty' was used to help with our 'Values' topic this week.

We used the wonderful book 'Have you filled a bucket Today- A guide to Daily Happiness for Kids' by Carol McCloud. This book was recommended by one of our year 4 students and it perfectly captures the idea of how our daily experiences shape our mood. The bucket represents our everyday feelings and emotions. When lots of good things happen, our bucket fills up with positive emotions, while negative feelings and emotions that come from things not going so well 'dip' from our buckets. This means that our buckets start to empty out. The best part is, if you are kind to someone, you feel up not just their bucket, but also your own.

Our numeracy inputs have been focussed on 'Estimating'. The children have been excellent at guessing how many children we have in the classroom, how many objects are under the tablecloth, how many blocks can we balance on top of each-other until they tumble over?

We have done lots of making too this week, Tiger faces, Tiger Food and Plates of food. We enjoyed listening to the children talk about their favourite dinners!

Following on from last week's Team work activities, we learnt how patience was a valuable trait when playing games with our friends.

The children played Tiger that came to Tea 'matching pairs' in small groups and were encouraging with other's successes and patient whilst waiting for their turn.

### Next Week

We will be starting a new topic 'Chinese New Year'. We will be learning the 12 signs of the Chinese lunar Zodiac, making Chinese New Year crafts, practising our writing inside greetings cards and learning how important Fireworks are for those who celebrate Chinese New Year.

Next week we are continuing thinking about 'Estimating' in Maths. We will be using short lengths of fabric cord to guess 'how long' things are, and using them as a tactile alternative to showing answers on fingers!

Next week, in our phonics session, we will continue thinking about rhythm and rhyme. We will be playing games in mini teams, practising patience, team work and learning about rhyming words

Our word of the week is 'Celebration'. What will be celebrated on Tuesday by millions of people across the world? What sorts of things make a celebration special? Gatherings, food, giving of cards and gifts. We will talk about what celebration means and what it looks like.

We will also be cooking again- this time Celebration party food! Mini sweet and savoury Puffs. This week, we will be using Vegan ingredients.

### Ashleigh Guiding stars

Next week, we will be adding to our Ashleigh Guiding Stars!  
We have been talking a lot about Team work, and the children have been showing us how good they are at working with others, and this will be recognised by a 4<sup>th</sup> Star: Team work.

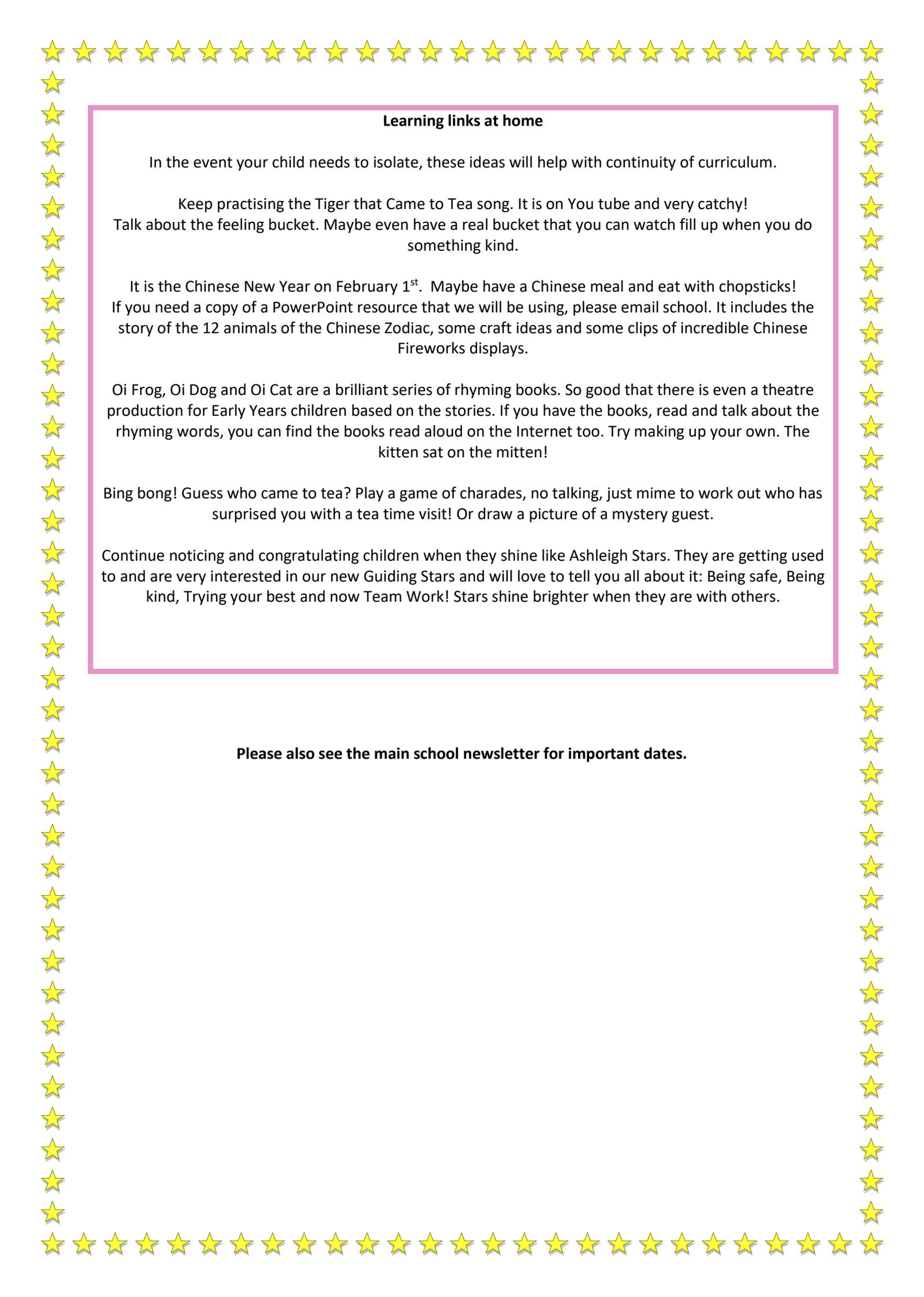


### Book of the week

Oi Frog, Oi Dog, Oi Cat – Kes Gray and Jim Field

### Home learning

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### Learning links at home

In the event your child needs to isolate, these ideas will help with continuity of curriculum.

Keep practising the Tiger that Came to Tea song. It is on You tube and very catchy!  
Talk about the feeling bucket. Maybe even have a real bucket that you can watch fill up when you do something kind.

It is the Chinese New Year on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Maybe have a Chinese meal and eat with chopsticks!  
If you need a copy of a PowerPoint resource that we will be using, please email school. It includes the story of the 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac, some craft ideas and some clips of incredible Chinese Fireworks displays.

Oi Frog, Oi Dog and Oi Cat are a brilliant series of rhyming books. So good that there is even a theatre production for Early Years children based on the stories. If you have the books, read and talk about the rhyming words, you can find the books read aloud on the Internet too. Try making up your own. The kitten sat on the mitten!

Bing bong! Guess who came to tea? Play a game of charades, no talking, just mime to work out who has surprised you with a tea time visit! Or draw a picture of a mystery guest.

Continue noticing and congratulating children when they shine like Ashleigh Stars. They are getting used to and are very interested in our new Guiding Stars and will love to tell you all about it: Being safe, Being kind, Trying your best and now Team Work! Stars shine brighter when they are with others.

**Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.**