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 This week we will pause our topic Once upon a time to make the most of the opportunities presented by learning about Chinese New Year and the Chinese culture. We will be making Chinese lanterns and other Chinese decorations. If you have any books or anything else Chinese, please let your children bring them in to show! It is the year of the rabbit, so we will also be learning some facts about the fluffy creatures.

In maths, the children will secure their understanding of the pairs of numbers that make 5, and then begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'. Our literacy work will focus on the story of Chinese new year and information books about China. The children will also be recognising rhyming words and following instructions to make lanterns and dragon puppets.

In phonics we will continue reviewing all the sounds the children have learnt so far. We will also be reviewing the harder to read and spell words too. We will do extra work on helping the children to remember and recognise the digraphs (2 letters, 1 sound) that they have learnt so far.

Best wishes,

The Acorn Team

