



Foundation Stage



Tadpole Class

The title of our topic for this half term is **Starry Night**.

This topic focuses around space and exploration of the night sky. We will be considering bedtime routines, thinking about how we get ready for bed and stories we like to share before we go to sleep. We will also be learning about space and the night sky. We will be looking at night sky images, thinking about what stars are and the planets in our solar system. We will



be imagining our own space adventures, inspired by stories such as *Whatever Next!* We will also be learning about things that happen at night whilst we are asleep including nocturnal animals that come out at night and people who work through the night, especially those that help other people such as the police, firemen and doctors and nurses.



This year Chinese New Year will be celebrated on the 25th January. We will be considering how people around the world celebrate Chinese New Year, sharing traditional stories such as the Chinese New Year Animal Race and creating a range of beautiful art work such as Lanterns, dragon puppets and ordinal number rosettes.

Important Dates and Information

- **Friday 10th January** We will be having a pyjama day at school when we will be sharing our favourite bedtime stories as well as sharing hot chocolate and cookies.
- **Monday 20th January** We will be having a visit from a mobile Planetarium to help us learn about space, planets and the night sky.
- **Friday 24th January** Parents are invited to attend a Chinese New Year Open Afternoon which will be filled with lots of fun creative activities for you to get involved in with your children. (letter to follow nearer the time).



After the half term break our new topic will be **Once upon a time ...**

Look out in the weekly *This Week at School* letters in your child's Home School Link Books for further information about these topics.