

Brilliant Bones!

We have had such fun over the past two weeks learning all about bones. The children have been so excited to investigate all of the bones in our bodies, measuring our skeletons and learning some special words such as 'skull', 'spine' and 'ribs'. We went on to investigate dinosaur bones and animal skeletons; even going on a virtual tour of the Natural History Museum in London to see how the bones are displayed after they have been discovered. The children were so excited by this that we decided to make our own Natural History museum in block play to display all of the bones we have at school! We even made our own bones and skeletons from clay and added them to the exhibition. We made a museum cafe and signs to direct the visitors to different areas of the museum, even making a life sized T Rex and Stegosaurus outside! We have been painting skeletons, becoming archeologists and palaeontologists at base camp, making books about bones and dinosaurs, reading nonfiction and fiction books about dinosaurs. We have had a great time and really challenged ourselves this week! Well done everyone!



Next Week's Big Idea and Big Challenge

Next week we will be moving on to learn all about the festival of Chinese New Year. We will be busy making our own temples, looking at objects and clothing from the traditional Chinese culture as well as opening our own Chinese restaurant where we will be trying to learn how to use chopsticks! Why not talk to your children about China? Maybe you could do some research on the computer and make a fact book with everything you learn? You could look at a map and find out where China is and even make your own map too! How about tasting some Chinese food? Maybe you might be able to cook some Chinese meals together as a family and even try out some chopstick skills at home! Don't forget to write down a list of ingredients before you go shopping and write your recipes too! Have fun exploring and learning!

Big Vocabulary: chinese new year, take away, restaurant, dragon, celebrate, lantern, chop stick