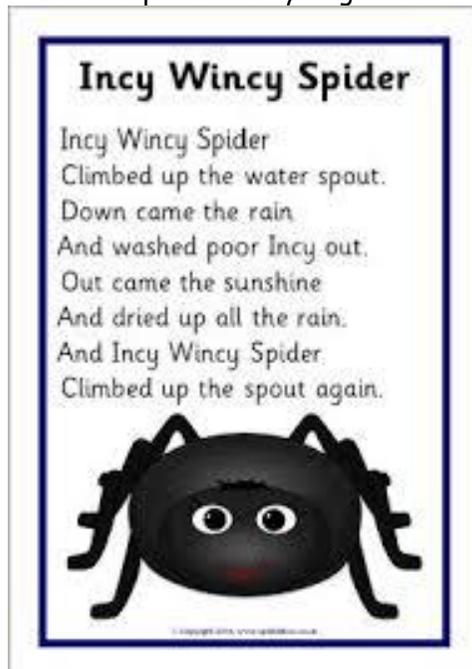


## Reading/Phonics

We teach phonics daily using the letters and sounds phonics scheme.

At present, we are concentrating on Phase one and this week I want you to think about words that rhyme.

Remember with rhyme to encourage your child to think about how the word ends and repeat the rhyming words.



Think of the words that rhyme in this nursery rhyme.

You could make a spider out of an egg box and pipe cleaners and act out the rhyme.

## Physical Development

### Gross Motor Skills:

This term as part of our Golden Thread 'Mindfulness' we will be learning and practising yoga. We use the Cosmic Kids Channel on YouTube. Please find link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NWzS2xziI4>

Alternatively you can practise these moves without the video. Always start your yoga with 'Namaste'



## Maths

This week we are thinking about all things round.

Vocabulary: circle, ball, tube, curve, sphere, oval, cylinder, smooth, round, egg, flat

Look around your house and garden to see if you can find circles and spheres. When you go for a walk look around outside to find circles and spheres.

Find different balls or other spherical objects and sort them according to size and then weight. Which ones bounce and which ones roll the furthest?

Have you got any games you can play with your family which have balls e.g. Hungry Hippos - Don't forget to count the balls to see who wins!

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February, it is pancake day. If you make some pancakes with your Mummy or Daddy, what shape do you think they will be?

## Other

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, it is the Chinese new year. The Chinese name their years after animals and this year is the year of the Ox.

There are quite a few video clips about the Chinese new year. Here are just three:

This one explains how the Chinese celebrate their new year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cRMRp9-Z08>

This is about the new year animals [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q\\_IY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q_IY)

Make a dragon face or mask using a paper plate.





This week we are also continuing to link sounds to different letter shapes. We are going to look at the 'i' letter shape. It looks like this i but sometimes looks like I. If your name begins with that sound, like Incy's, it looks like this I

Watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gi8OBh11U>

Can you look around your house and find things that begin with the 'i' sound? When you say the sound pretend you are a little mouse stroking their whiskers!

Have a look in some of your books and see if you can spot the letter shape 'i'.

You may also enjoy: Kids Workout Exercise at home with Ryan! which is a little more strenuous than the yoga!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TYbKC4vumg>

Some *I can* challenges:

### Jumping

- I can jump and land with my feet together.
- I can jump side to side over a line.
- I can jump on the spot.
- I can jump over an object, like a beanbag.
- I can jump off things and onto things, like a low step.
- I can leap (jump taking off on one foot and landing on the other).
- I can hop on one leg.
- I can hop on the other leg.
- I can hop and travel.

### Fine motor skills

Use a ball of dough and some straws to make a sphere. Stick lots of short lengths of straw into the dough ball

These are the ones we made last year in nursery and then we made them into a display.



Can you dance to this dragon dance song?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=by5sTzh67fU>

Make a Chinese lantern.



<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-lantern.html>

to make a spiky ball.

Line a tin lid or shallow tray with paper. Roll marbles dipped in paint around the tray and lids. Talk about the different patterns and the straight lines the spheres have made.

Have you ever tried using chopsticks? If you have a Chinese meal this week or next week maybe you could try using them.

The little boy in this story could use them! (Cleversticks)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgOpnpvzUzA>