



The Broadhurst Bulletin

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Celebrating Lunar New Year!



Thank you to all our fabulous parents who came into school to let the children know about ***Lunar New Year!***

The children had a great time exploring all the colourful items you brought in, and hearing about how people celebrate.

They had a spectacular time learning that the Lunar New Year is celebrated with dancing dragons, fireworks and amazing food!

They also learned that 2025 is the **Year of the Snake**, and that, whilst the UK uses a solar calendar, China, Japan and other countries use a Lunar calendar, based on the phases of the moon.





An array of colourful paper lanterns, dragons, and puppets were just some of the things that thrilled the children for **Lunar New Year!**





SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK: *‘Small World Play’*

‘Small World’ toys are miniature sets for children to explore aspects of the world around them.



Here, the children are provided with a variety of small toys, props, and settings, and given free reign to design their own ‘real world’ environments, and detailed and playful mini-worlds and scenarios.

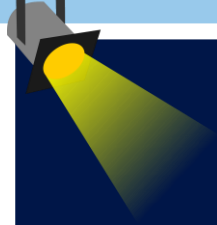


For instance, they might get to map out a new farm, a fairy garden or a busy sea scape - or some might prefer to use their engineering skills to invent workable transport structures using road tiles and cars.

Or they might decide to throw together a delicious tea spread to delight all their classmates!



Children can use a range of tools to inspire their play, including some toys that can be built together with other children or teachers.



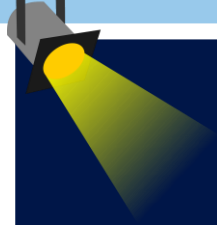
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Small World play stimulates children's imaginations and their creative abilities.

However, it is not just about developing imaginative play, it also helps children develop turn-taking skills, and language acquisition, amongst other important skills.





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'Small World Play'

We always use a wide variety of different small world themes, and you can be sure this activity is always a big favourite with the children!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week is Storytelling Week and Waitangi Day (New Zealand).

If you would like to get involved in either event, please let us know!

We are also always interested in introducing the children to tales from around the world.

Have a great weekend from all at Broadhurst School!

