



# Red Group's News



March 2016



Welcome back ,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year!  
As **TET** - Lunar New Year was so early this year Big Kids jumped straight into the new topic of ...

In January we celebrated **Megan's 5th BIRTHDAY**



## Vietnam - the country where I live!

We started the year looking at Vietnam. We made a cardboard cut out shape of Vietnam and looked at the different landscapes, from the Red River Delta in the North to the Mekong River Delta in the South and the mountains which run up and down on the left side and the Ocean on the right. We looked at Vietnam's neighbouring countries. China to the North, Laos and Cambodia to the West. Finally, we stuck pictures of different cities and photos from our holidays from around Vietnam, to know where they are in the country.



Mathis carefully rolling his pretend spring roll so nothing will fall out.



Mila showing off her Vietnamese coloured prisma - this activity helps with spatial awareness.



Johanna carefully putting her lotus petals, which helps her hand eye co-ordination.

Johanne carefully chopping the cucumber for her 'Banh Mi'.



We learnt about how important the Vietnamese conical hat is and that the water buffalo is Vietnam's national animal and the Lotus is its national flower. We made pretend spring rolls and delicious 'Banh Mi'.

All the Smartkids Big Kids groups were very excited to go and see a water puppet show at the National Museum near the zoo, as we had learnt it started in the North of Vietnam.



Big Kids outing to the water puppets!



As we are heading into the year of the monkey, we put on our very cool *monkey ears* and did an obstacle course outside,



... then hang from the beam..



First we had to swing through the trees .....



..pick up a banana and climb to the top ...



... where you eat it all up!



..... then slide down the pole...



... to practise our balancing!



..... act like a monkey, all the way to the crab see- saw ...

To celebrate Tet we made all sorts of dragons



Using cups and crepe paper or folding card into a chain



and with our bodies during yoga.



Before going to see the Dragon dance at TND Smartkids.

We would like to introduce Emilia and Clement who have joined us in the Big Kids. Sadly, at the end of the of the month we will have to say good bye to two of our friends **Arvid**, who is going back to Sweden and **Miu Miu** who is moving to Australia.

