**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

**1. It’s reading time!**

Read and enjoy the Hamilton Group Reader, *The Race Across the River*, by Ruth Merttens and Anne Holm Petersen.

* Do you think a race between lots of animals would be an exciting thing to have at a birthday party? Why?
* How would you control all those noisy, squabbling animals?

**2. The Jade Emperor’s birthday: ideas**

The Jade Emperor needs your help planning his perfect birthday party. What things do you suggest the Emperor has or does at his party?

* Games: hide and seek, pass the parcel. Food: cake, crisps. Decorations: balloons, fairy lights, etc.
* Record all your good ideas on the *Party Planner*.
* Use describing words where you can: yummy cake, colourful balloons.

**3. The Jade Emperor’s birthday: writing sentences**

Now, on *The Jade Emperor’s Birthday Party*, write down your suggestions in sentences. Follow the instructions on the sheet.

**Now try this Fun-Time Extra**

* Decorate the borders of your page with lots of ‘birthday party’ pictures.

**Party Planner**

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*This is what I suggest the Jade Emperor has and does at his party.*

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| **Food** | **Drinks** | **Games** | **Decorations** |
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**The Jade Emperor’s Birthday**

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| * Use *and* to join two of your ideas together in a single sentence: *You can play a game of chase and have a massive chocolate cake*.
* Remember to use capital letters to start your sentences and a full stop to end them.
* Challenge yourself! How many sentences can you write in your very best handwriting?
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