

# What is happening in Reception this week? 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Literacy



This week, we will start our new story "The Gingerbread Man". We will learn to retell it by making ourselves a story map. We are also going to read 'The Stickman'. During phonics, we will practise our sounds and oral blending. We will be revising the sounds we have learned as it is really important we can read our sounds quickly. We are learning to blend and spell words using our sounds and our Fred Fingers.

## Maths



We have been learning about number 10 and will be revising all our numbers 1 to 10. We will explore different ways to show the numbers 1-10 and different ways to represent numbers 1-10. We will focus on following patterns and exploring making them.



## Topic

We looked at special things last week so this week we will be focusing on special places. We will link it to our story, as we learn that Stickman's special place was his home in the tree. We will think about our special place and other people's special places, including some places of worship. We will talk about why they are special, how they make us feel and how we should respect ours and other people's special places. Over the week, we will also start practising our Nativity play and songs.

## Messages

Thank you for all your support last week, the children showed their best behaviour for learning and we are very proud of how far they have come.

Please could you support your child with dressing and undressing independently at home. Some children are finding getting ready for PE a bit of a struggle.

Please could you also send your child in with warm and waterproof clothing for outside. Remember to take the time to name your child's hat and gloves so they can be identified. It is a good skill for them to put them straight in their coat pockets when they take them off. This often stops them getting lost.

Please also remember their named wellies - Thank you!

**IMPORTANT**

## How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for their phonics. Children have been learning their sounds and most are remembering more every week - thank you! There are still several gaps that need to be learned as quickly as possible so please help your child by practising them several times a day. You can use the videos to help you! Please remember to record this reading of sounds in their diary. Please practise forming the sounds and provide plenty of opportunities for your child to develop their pencil control with colouring books, white boards, drawing, painting with a brush, etc. Please also practise orally blending sounds into words. Say some 3-sound words for your child to orally blend. This is words like c-a-p for cap and d-i-g for dig. (see Fred Games links) Each week, on a Friday, the children will be able to select a book from class to bring home for you to read with them. They should return the book by the following Friday so they can select a new one to take home. Please talk to your child about anything and everything to develop their oral skills and extend vocabulary. This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week): **in, out, next to, in front, behind, under, on the top, feeling/s, altogether, adding, different, special thing, present (now) - past (yesterday/long time ago), new - old, toy/s.** We also learned the words **grinned, shriek, searched** through our story. Please talk about these words with your child. Please continue helping your children with counting and recognising numbers 1-10. Make it fun like counting your steps when you are on a walk or spotting numbers when you are out and about.

**Please see Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York if you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to us. Have a lovely week!**