

# What is happening in Reception this week?

## 21st November 2022

Fred Talk



## Literacy

This week, we will be learning a new traditional story called 'The Gingerbread Man'. He was tricked by the fox who gobbled him up! We will talk about the settings and characters.

In phonics, we will be revising the sounds we have learned that we are finding harder to remember and some of us will be learning special friends like th, sh and ch. We are now in groups with other children at the same stage of reading as we are. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing our names, forming all the letters in them correctly.

## Maths



Last week, we focused on showing number 9 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 10. We will count 10 objects, actions and sounds, and make 10 in different ways, e.g.  $5+5$ ,  $4+6$ ,  $3+7$  and  $10(+0)$ . We will also show 10 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digits in 10 using Ten Town. We will look at the months of the year and will keep practising the days of the week.

## Topic



This week we continue our topic with a focus on '**special people**'. We will talk about people in our family who are special to us and why. Our families are all different, special and unique! We will listen to a story about Frida Kahlo who was a special artist who lived in Mexico. We will further explore how toys work by pushing and pulling parts. We will also explore magnets - feeling how they can push and pull. We will join some junk model materials together to make our own cup catcher toy.

Thank you for sharing the children's special toys/things with us - the children enjoyed talking about them and listening to other children talking about their special things. The children had a lovely time on Friday, in their spotty clothes, raising money for children in need.

Please remember on Thursday to take out earrings at home for PE and we would ask that the children wear socks, not tights, unless they can put these on by themselves.

The days are getting colder now so please send your child to school with a warm coat, ideally with a hood, a warm hat and gloves. These should all be named. We do outdoor learning everyday so the children will need suitable clothing for learning outside.

Please also remember school starts at 8.45 and children should be in the classroom by this time. At the end of the day, children should stay with their grown up and not go onto the grass areas or play equipment. Thank you!

## Messages

## How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for phonics according to their stage of reading. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds and really need your help to practise them at home. Other children know quite a lot with just a few gaps but cannot yet orally blend. These children need help to practise their Fred Talk games at home (please see the links) Other children know most of their sounds and can orally blend. These children are just starting to read words and need to practise reading the words they are sent home. All children need to keep practising their sounds and orally blending.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! From this week, the children will be able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday so they can select a new one.

You can support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.



## Learn-

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.  
We hope you all have a lovely week!