

What is happening in Reception this week?

27th November 2023

Literacy

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This week, we will be reading the traditional story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will also be reading 'Stickman'. He finds himself in many different places but longs to go to his special place – his home, in the tree. We will talk about the settings, characters and feelings.

In phonics, we are now in groups with other children at the same stage of reading as we are. This means we will be doing slightly different things to develop our reading. Some of us will be practising single sounds and some of us will be learning special friends like th, sh and ch. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well.

Maths



Last week, we focused on showing number 10 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore and revise all our numbers to 10. We will explore how numbers can be split, e.g. 6 can be 5 and 1 or 3 and 3. We will practise forming the digits and reading the numeral. We will look at some shapes and decide how to sort them. We will also practise naming them; circle, square, triangle and rectangle.

Topic



This week we continue our topic with a focus on '**special places**'. Stickman longed to be home in his special place. We will talk about places that are special to us, like our home and how they make us feel. We will look at pictures of special places around the world, like The Golden Temple, Vatican City and The Taj Mahal. We will explore the need to care for places that are special and respect places that are special to other people. We will work together, to design and build a model of a special place with construction sets.

Messages

Thank you for arriving at school for an 8.45 start. It enables the children to settle quickly in their learning.

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.

On Friday we are having a non-uniform day to help raise items for the school Christmas Fair. Please could the children bring in unwanted, but good condition teddies or soft toys or bottles of soft drinks. If you have any items suitable for prizes or hampers, these would be greatly appreciated too!

The children are busy learning the songs for 'Our First Nativity'. They will be performing this to you on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December. Information about times and tickets will be coming out shortly. We would love to see you all there!

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 oral 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! Children are 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.

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!