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## Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1    Week: 6    Week ending: 09.10.2020

### Religious Education

#### **Baptism – Belonging – Welcome**

This week in Come and See we started a new topic. We began thinking about belonging to different groups. We talked about our families, clubs we attend, our school and our church. We then moved onto how we make people feel welcome. We shake hands, wave, smile and say hello, then we talked about how we feel when people do or don't do those things for us.

### Literacy

This week in Literacy we read 'The Gingerbread Man'. We talked about the events in the story and the language used; such as 'Once upon a time'. We sequenced pictures so that we could retell the story, and more excitingly had Gingerbread men for snack today! We also looked at a recipe:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/gingerbread\\_men\\_99096](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/gingerbread_men_99096)

you would like to make your own. I wonder if your child can tell you the story! Next week we will continue to learn about traditional tales by reading and exploring 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'

### Phonics

For the remainder of this half term we will focus on Phase 1 phonics. Here we will concentrate on our listening skills and use them to play a variety of games to help us hear different sounds around us including those in our environment and the sounds of musical instruments. We will then move on to games in which we can identify the initial sounds of objects and pictures such as 'I spy' and listening to 'robot talk' to find particular objects. After the half term break we will begin Phase 2 phonics in which we will begin to learn our letter sounds

### Maths

This week, to warm our brains up in maths time we sang lots of counting songs and rhymes and counting games to practise counting to 20. We played games where we showed we could recognise numerals, recognise different quantities and show an amount of fingers when given a number.

*\*Top tip for good counting\**

*Every time you count forwards with your child, you should count backwards twice!*

In our main activity, we began our teaching of Singapore Maths. In Singapore Maths we spend a long period of time looking at numbers 1-20. In doing so the children will have a very secure understanding of number in every aspect. For example, this week we explored recognising groups of 1 or more than 1. We learnt about 1 sided shapes and we also looked at different ways of representing one, such as the numeral, the word 'one', spots on a die and in a five frame. We will continue to look at other ways 1 can be used next week.

### Home Learning

This week we would like you to dig out some photos or artefacts from your child's Baptism that your child can share with our class. We would love you to talk about them with your child, naming any of the people on them so they can discuss with others.

Any items / photographs will be kept until the end of the topic and then safely returned.

### Expressive Arts & Design

The children LOVED decorating their own Gingerbread men this week. We had some Gingerbread Man puppets and paper dolls. We saw some beautiful designs and many of the children were even worried that their Gingerbread Man might run away!

### Other Information

#### **\*Home Learning\***

If this is a written task, please return by Wednesday of the following week.

#### **\*Missing Clothing\***

Thank you to those parents who have named all items of their children's clothing – sometimes children will accidentally take home an item of clothing that does not belong to them. These will usually come back once parents realise this. If they are named, we can ensure that occasionally when items are mislaid; we can successfully return them to the rightful owners.