



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 Week: 4 Week ending: 27.11.2020

Religious Education

Advent/Christmas - Waiting - Birthdays

This week we began exploring our 3rd Come and See topic of the autumn term. We talked about what a birthday is and the different ways we can celebrate. The children made cards and banners and discussed their favourite party food. We also discussed Advent - that it is a time of waiting and what we might do to prepare for Christmas.

Maths

We moved on to number 4 this week and as in previous weeks have followed a similar pattern of learning. We learnt how to form the numeral '4' and to count 4 objects. We looked at different ways of representing 4, such as on a 10 frame, in a tally or the pattern on a die. The children explored sharing 4 objects between 2 and recorded this using part, part whole diagrams, showing the different number bonds of 4.

As with number 3, our number 4 talk homework has been posted on Google classroom for you to discuss at home and see how many ways of spotting '4' you can find!

Communication, Language and Literacy

We continued to study stories with repeated patterns this week. The children loved reading and learning to recite 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' this week. They especially enjoyed listening to Michael Rosen himself retell the story. Here is the link if you want to listen at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3mYPD7BK-I>

Over the next few weeks we are going to learn about different celebrations and Christmas traditions with a variety of lovely texts. Next week we will begin with exploring Judaism and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah as part of our other faith learning.



Phonics

This week's phonemes are **h, b, f, ff** and our new tricky word is '**to**'.

Hot Dinners

Many of the children really enjoyed trying the different hot meal choices this week, although the good old ham sandwich was still a very popular choice. Next week our menu will change – please see Parent App message for details and discuss these with your child.

Can we just remind you in order to safeguard our children at lunchtime - if your child brings a packed lunch into school containing grapes/cherry tomatoes, please ensure that these are cut up into quarters so that they are not a choking hazard.

Thank you.

Home Learning

This week we do not have anything that needs to be returned, so we have kept the homework books again and have just sent out resources in the homework folders that we have received.

Ongoing home learning

Letter formation workbook - h, b, f, ff.

As in previous weeks - this can be kept in your green homework folder or at home to work through little and often through the week.

Phoneme and tricky word flashcards

This week these are **h, b, f, ff** and '**to**'
5 minutes practise with these each night will ensure that your children are able to recognise each grapheme and this will progress their reading.

Addressing an envelope

Your child has brought home an A5 envelope today with a 2nd class stamp inside. Please discuss with them where they live and help them to address the envelope with your names and home address including your postcode; explaining why you need this to post a letter. Pop on the stamp and return the envelope to school next week to receive a Christmas surprise in the next few weeks.

Collective Worship

Our 1st run through of lines and songs (sadly, only to learn the actions rather than the songs), went really well. Thank you for learning lines with your children and encouraging them to speak so confidently.

If anyone is unsure about which costume their child will need; please do not hesitate to ask.

Reading Books

Please remember to put your child's reading book back in their bag after you have read at home so that the children always have their books in school on their day to read.