



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 Week: 5 Week ending: 02.12.2022

Religious Education

Advent / Christmas – Waiting – Birthdays

This week in assembly we lit the 1st candle on the wreath. This symbolises hope. We discussed the Advent wreath and what the different parts of it represent; including the meaning of the different candles. We made our own Advent wreath to display in class using handprints. We talked about 'getting ready' for Christmas during Advent and learnt the Hail Mary prayer. Next week we will listen to the different parts of the Christmas story, which we are becoming more familiar with each day as we practice for our Collective Worship.



Communication & language 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-l>

Over the next few weeks we are going to learn about different celebrations and Christmas traditions with a variety of lovely texts.



Maths

This week we have been looking at the composition of numbers up to 5. We have been looking at each number separately and we want the children to be able to grasp the concept of the 'oneness of one, the twoness of two' etc. We have matched the numerals to the same amount on 5 frames and looked at different ways of making each number which is the beginning of learning our number bonds.

Next week we will continue with this and begin to look more at subitising which is knowing how many objects are there without counting. This is easier when the amount is 6 or less.

Home Learning

This week we explored rhyming words especially when looking at the poetry of Michael Rosen.

1. This task is to draw a line between the words that rhyme. If your child is unable to hear rhyme yet, then maybe they could identify and/or write the initial sounds of the words next to the pictures.
2. Cut out the different representations of the numbers 1-5 and match them to the correct numeral.

Addressing an envelope

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

Phonics

We began level 3 phonics this week and learnt the phonemes

j v w x

We learned an alphabet song and have begun to write some captions.

We will continue to practise our level 2 phonemes daily and going forward the level 3 phonemes as we learn them. Please use the flashcards provided to reinforce letter recognition with your child. Don't forget the tricky words as, as we progress, these will appear in our reading books and they are not able to be decoded, they must be learnt by sight.

Posada – The Travelling Crib

To celebrate the beginning of Advent, we have begun to send home the travelling crib. It is lovely to see the children excited about being chosen to take the crib for the night and exploring the Christmas story at home.

If your child is chosen, can you please ensure the crib is returned the following morning with all the pieces included. There is a list inside the bag so you can see what should be inside.

You can record what how you and your child explored the crib in a variety of ways. You can write, your child can draw a picture or write or you can include a photograph. There is no pressure to do this but if you would like to and you haven't had a chance to print the photograph out, then please leave a space and pass the photograph to us and we can stick it in.

Thank you.

Foodbank collections

Thank you for your very generous donations for the SVP foodbank collection as organised by the Parish.

If you had forgotten about this or were not able to contribute and you would like to then this is not being collected until Monday so we are accepting donations up until then.

Understanding the world Christmas Collective Worship

Our Collective worship is on Wednesday 14th December @ 9.15am

This week your child brought home a letter about our Christmas Collective Worship. As stated, if your child is a narrator, they can choose to wear one of the following costumes from the Nativity story -

Angel/Star/King/Shepherd/sheep/donkey/camel.

If they have a specific role, then their costume must be appropriate for that character. Costumes may be bought, made, swapped (perhaps ask on your child's WhatsApp group) or borrowed, whatever works best for you. If you are having difficulty with this, please let us know.

On the day, children should come in to school dressed in their costume and bring their school uniform in a labelled bag so that they can get changed afterwards.

Can we just remind you that ALL mobile phone should be switched off and for safeguarding purposes should not be used to take any photographs of the children. We will take photographs that we will send home for you.

If your child is a narrator or has a speaking part, then they will have also brought home their lines to learn. Please encourage your child to remember these and practise often, using a loud and clear voice.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas trip to Croxteth Park Farm

A letter has also been home detailing our trip to the Farm. If anyone is able to come along we would be glad of your help. Please return your reply slip as soon as possible and voluntary contributions towards for cost of trip and transport to and from the farm can be made on parent pay.

The PANTS rule

Our children are still learning and at this age are very curious about the world around them. As they are maturing, they are becoming increasingly self-aware of others and of similarities and differences between their bodies and those of other people. We introduced the NSPCC PANTS rule to the children last half term but will revisit this regularly or when we feel this is appropriate. We reminded the children of the PANTS rule this week by watching the clip of the 'Pantasaurus' song and discussing this with them. The link is below if you would like to explore this at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnroTxz7USI>