



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Spring Term 1

Week: 1

Week ending: 12.01.24

Religious Education 'Galilee to Jerusalem'

This week we learnt about the feast of the Epiphany on 6th of January. We listened to the scripture of the visit of the Magi (Wise men) to see Baby Jesus. We discovered how they knew he was important because of the special star in the sky and how they were called to see King Heron on the way. We talked about which special visitors came to see us or other family members when they were born. We remembered the gifts that the Kings brought for baby Jesus and wrote lists of presents that we would bring to give to a new baby.



Communication, Language and Literacy

We have begun to look at a new text this week that we will really get to know in great detail for the duration of this half term. We are reading Juniper Jupiter by Lizzy Stewart. Juniper Jupiter is a superhero who is super smart, strong and brave and is looking for a sidelick to share her adventures with. We discussed the superheroes that we know from popular culture and what things they had in common, such as masks, capes, cool names and the ability to fly. We discussed some new and interesting vocabulary from the text and looked at the illustrations in the book.

Phonics

This week we learnt at the digraph **ng** and the long vowel digraphs/trigraphs **ai** and **ee** and **igh**. We explained to the children that the phoneme says the same as the first letter in the digraph's name.

We also learnt the new tricky word was
And practised writing the Level 2 tricky words
go, no and **I**

Physical Development

This week we had an additional PE session where we did Yoga with Miss Karen. She reminded us of the different names of the yoga bears and the super power that they and we too have. We talked about our special skills and did some yoga poses for each one. The children tried so hard and had lots of fun.

We finished the session with some positive affirmations about just how amazing we are!
We practised our fine motor skills and hand to eye coordination with our game of the week 'Jenga' and carefully pulled out the pieces to beat our opponents. We also cut out and made our favourite superheroes to practise our scissor skills.

Maths

This week we have revisited counting for the spring term and looked at the concept of zero as an empty set. The children were really good at understanding the zero means nothing or none and were showing this in different ways including showing closed fists, no hands at all and writing the numeral zero. We made towers of 5 with cubes and noticed the pattern of what happens when we took 1 away each time.

We discussed how this is one fewer and our numbers got smaller. In our workbooks we matched numeral to quantity, counting or subitising the amount of spots in each set.

Home Learning

Handwriting of Level 2 tricky words – I, go, no, to, the

Number Block- Quantity hunt. Use the number block flash cards in your homework folder to go on a hunt around your home to search for groups of objects of the same quantities. For example your child might find 10 pieces of lego so you could match the 10 card up to that.

You can record this however you choose, either by posting photos to class dojo or your child can stick the number card in their homework book and either draw the objects next to the number or write what it is you found. If you do use class dojo, can you return the photos in your child's portfolio rather than via the message page please as then all of their learning is recorded in the one place.

Thank you

Understanding the World

We began to find out about the season of Winter and discussed some of the things that happen in nature and what we have spotted in our outdoor area. We spotted some ice fragments in our water tray and discussed where it had come from.