



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 3rd November 2025

Welcome back after half term, we hope you all had a great week. We have an exciting half term coming up as we start to think about our Nativity play and all of the celebrations and special days - Bonfire night, Remembrance day, Diwali, Advent and Christmas.

We continue with our RE topic - people who care for us and learn about the stories of Jesus and the Holy family. Children will be thinking about occasions Jesus attended with Mary and Joseph such as the wedding at Cana.

In Literacy we are learning our new story 'The Gingerbread man' and will be decorating gingerbread men and describing them in our writing.

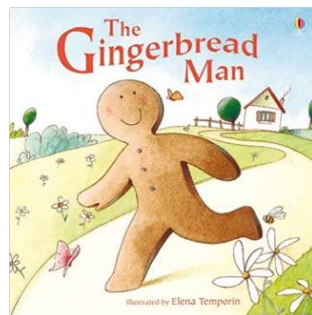
Thank you to all the parents for practising the QR code sounds.

Focus words this week: Remember, Soldier, Memorial, Cease, Peace

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Gingerbread Man



Maths Focus: Making up 5



Roll a dice - make a tower with that number of cubes or blocks/lego

Songs for making number bonds to 5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1oa6oOfMKk>



Rhyme of the Week:



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we
know?
That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.

Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Come in and choose a book with your child!

This week the children will:

- Starting our new story 'The Gingerbread Man'
- New story tuff tray to explore
- Play dough gingerbread
- Decorating gingerbread men
- Making our own story maps
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in our writing
- Learning to blend sounds together to read
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing
- Using different numbers that make 5
- Playing maths games using dice and cubes
- Making poppy art using collage
- Thinking about special family celebrations in a guessing game
- Diwali Day on Friday - making rangoli patterns, Diva lamps, Medhi and food tasting



Wednesday 5th November - Reception heights and weights (nurses in school)

Friday 7th November - Flu vaccinations (nurses in school)

Monday 10th November - Children to wear odd socks for anti-bullying week

Monday 24th November - Flu Vaccine catch up

Tuesday 2nd December - EYFS Stay and pray for Advent 2:45pm

Nativity - 2 tickets will be given out to families closer to the date

Monday 8th December - EYFS/ KS1 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 9th December - EYFS/ KS1 Nativity 9:30am

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Dinner day

Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Fayre 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Parties afternoon

Friday 19th Christmas Culture day and Break up for Christmas holidays