



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 19th January 2026

This week we continue our topic: People who help us. Children have been enjoying role playing members of the emergency services inside and outside. We are learning about the role of the emergency services as well as other jobs in our community.

In talk for writing we are still working hard to learn and write about our new story - The Enormous Turnip. Children would benefit from practising writing some simple words at home too such as: big, pull, got, up, pop.

In maths we are investigating part-part-whole relationships, e.g. seeing that 5 can be made of 3 and 2. The children will deepen their understanding of a 'whole' being made up of smaller parts through practical experience, in this case moving frogs from a log to a pool in a nursery rhyme. They will begin to recognise that numbers can be made by combining parts in different ways, and will be encouraged to make links by considering similarities and differences in the ways of making 5.

In RE we begin to learn about Baptism, including some of the symbols used and the importance of our Christian name. **Talk to the children about why you chose their names.**

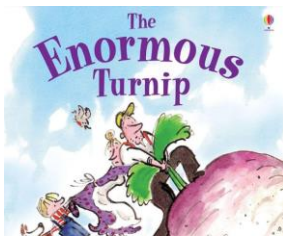
Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home.

Focus words this week: Huge, Fewer, Less, Christian name, font

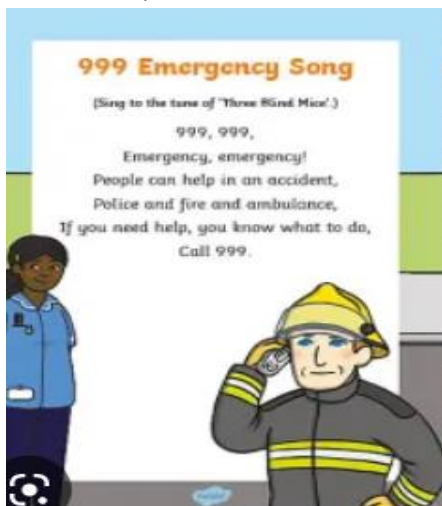
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Enormous
Turnip!



Rhyme of the Week



Maths - One more and One less

Children will be learning to read and write numbers to 10. You can help them by practising number formation. We will be using tens frames to represent these bigger numbers,



This week the children will:

- Think about the important jobs people have and those that help us, in particular this week we will be looking at police officers.
- Daily phonics lessons - blending words and learning our sounds for reading and writing
- Practising writing our letters and numbers correctly
- Writing about our story - The Enormous Turnip, learning the story to retell using actions and the three main parts of the story
- Playing with our new small world fire station and police station and vehicles
- Role play - fire fighter emergency
- Take part in lots of fine motor activities and games to strengthen our fingers such as hole punching and threading games
- Using our new story tray
- Using tens frames to represent numbers.
- Making hand print firefighters/police officers
- Playing maths games using our frog hats

child!



Wednesday 21st Jan – Pep the Poet Workshops in school

Wed. 21st Jan – Reception Maths lesson for parents at 9am – Come in and learn alongside your child for half an hour. You are also welcome to stay and see Pep the poet for a further 15 mins

Wed. 21st Jan – Reception Hand Washing & Dental Hygiene workshop at 1.30pm

FAMILY MASS – Saturday 24th January, St Joseph's, Darlaston at 4pm