



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 14th November 2023

Welcome back after half term. We have an exciting half term coming up as we start to think about our Nativity play, our Christmas trip 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.

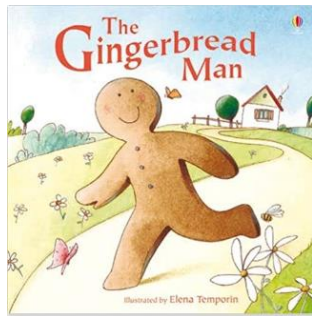
Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home.

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



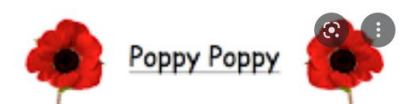
Roll a dice - make a tower with that number of cubes or blocks/lego

Songs for making number bonds to 5

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



Rhyme of the Week:



Poppy poppy 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.

(Ask your child to perform this with actions)

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



Tuesday 7th November School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 8th November Flu immunisation

Wednesday 15th November Bollywood Dreams Dance workshops

Thursday 7th December Year 6 National Archive online workshop '4 Days Hard Labour.'

Friday 8th December St Joseph's School & Parish Christmas Fair in the school hall.

3.30pm - 4.30pm!

Tuesday 12th December Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance for families at 9.30am

Wednesday 13th December Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance for families at 2.30pm

Thursday 14th December Nursery & Reception 'Christmas Wishes Trip' to Cannock Chase Museum

Thursday 14th December Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance for families at 2.30pm

Friday 15th December Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance for families at 9.30am

Friday 22nd December Break up at 3.25pm for Christmas Holidays!

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 8th January **SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS (STAFF TRAINING DAY)**

Tuesday 9th January School re-opens for the Spring Term