



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 20th November 2023

We are continuing our work on the Gingerbread man this week. The children have really enjoyed it so far and are getting better at having a go at writing words.

In Maths we will be learning all about 2D shapes- naming them, describing them and making pictures using different shapes. We will even go on a shape hunt around school.

We continue with our RE topic - people who care for us and learn about the stories of Jesus and the Holy family.

Thank you for all your support with helping your child at home. I can really see that those who are working at home are making lots of progress in school too. If you would like further support, let me know!

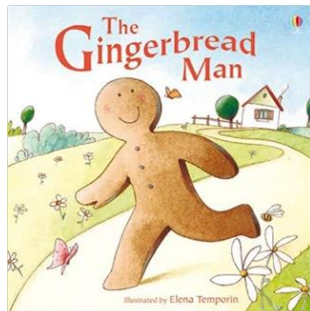
Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home.

Focus words this week: Author, Collect, Shape, Birthday, kindness

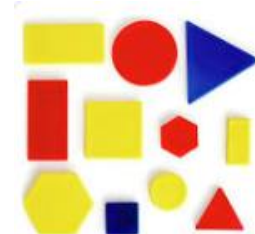
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Gingerbread Man



Maths Focus: 2D shape



Go on a shape hunt. Make a list of all the 2D shapes that your child knows and go for a walk to try and tick them off your list. Send us some pictures!



Rhyme of the Week:

Breezy weather. Freezy weather.
When the leaves fall,
we all fall together.
Breezy weather. Freezy weather.
When the wind blows, we huddle together

(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:

- Write words and captions from the gingerbread man
- Read some alternative versions of the gingerbread man to spot similarities and differences
- Learn about other family celebrations that happen during the year including birthdays
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in their writing
- Learn to blend sounds together to read orally and using the green words
- Name and describing 2D shapes
- Making shape pictures and spotting shapes in different orientations
- Spotting shapes in and around the environment
- Beginning to learn our Christmas play songs and actions
- School Photos!



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