



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 27th November 2023

This week we complete our talk for writing text 'The Gingerbread Man' by writing an alternative ending to the story.

In Maths we will be completing our work on 2D shapes- spotting shapes inside other shapes and making them.

In RE we start our new topic of 'Advent' and thinking about this special time of preparation. We will be making advent wreaths in our classroom.

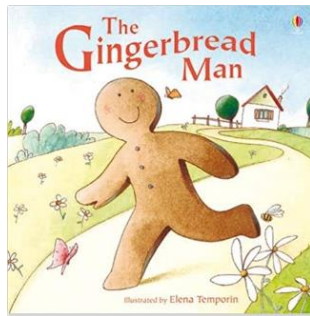
Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home.

Focus words this week: Nativity, Hope, Peace, prepare, waiting

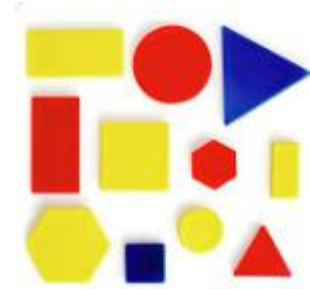
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Gingerbread Man



Maths Focus: 2D shape



Make a picture using different shapes!



Songs of the Week

Here is a link to our Christmas play songs if children would like to practise at home.

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

(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:

- Writing our letters to Santa
- Setting up our Christmas post office
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in their writing.
- Learning to blend sounds together to read - some children will be bringing home ditty sheets to read, others may have blending books to practise.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- Naming and describing 2D shapes - making shapes from other shapes and spotting shapes inside one another.
- Practising for our Nativity play - please help them to learn their words if you can!
- RE topic - Advent - thinking about things that we get ready for and the candles of advent



EYFS & KS 1 Nativity Plays

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