



Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Parents Maths Workshop' this week, we hope you found it useful and the children enjoyed sharing their maths counting skills.

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new text, 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will carry on exploring some of the new language in the book, with a particular focus on the verbs to describe the animal characteristics, we will also sequence the story.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5, we will practice writing the number 1, 2 3, 4 and 5. We will also learn different colours and subitise to three.

In RE, we will begin our new unit 'Baptism - My Name'. We will recap all our learning from this unit of work. **With your child, ask them about what the priest does with water in a baptism.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Chinese New Year' and we will recap the story of the zodiac and learn why dragons are important to chinese culture.

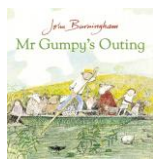
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will learn some Chinese New Year Songs.

Focus words this week: **squabble, hop, Baptism, tease, muck**

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

### Focus Story:

Mr Gumpy's Outing



### Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday.

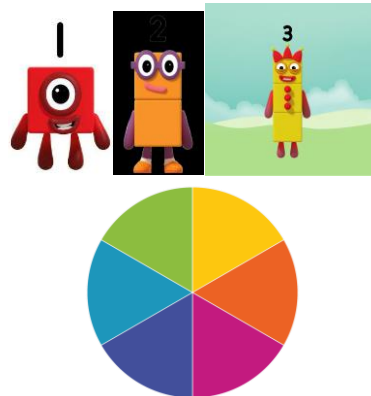
Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child. Thank you.

### Rhyme of the week

#### Doctor Foster

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester  
in a shower of rain.  
He stepped in a puddle.  
Right up to his middle.  
And never went there again.

### Maths Focus: Numbers to 5, colours and subitising to 3



Can you practice counting to 5?

Can you see a set of objects/toys and know how many are there?

Can you name different colours?

### Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

**Morning parents:** In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

**Afternoon parents:** At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in

### Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

### This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 13, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will sequence the story.
- We will practice counting to 5, through nursery rhymes such as 'Five speckled frogs' and 'five little monkeys'
- We will learn different colours, including, red, blue, green, yellow, pink, purple, brown, grey, black and white.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about Chinese New Year and why dragon are important.
- We will make Chinese New Year Lanterns.
- We will make Chinese Handprint Dragons.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will learn about Baptism
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will build dens in our role play area.

### Important dates

**HALF TERM - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Children return back to school.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Parents Chinese New Year Workshop, 9:00-10:15am for the morning parents and 2:00-3:15pm for the afternoon parents. All welcome to join your children see some of their learning.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome, please come and support the children who will help with the readings.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening - Booking slots being sent out this week. (05.02.24)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Visit (with the Reception class) to our local church, St Joseph's to meet Fr Craig and learn about Baptism. If any parents would like to help us walk the children there and back, please speak to a member of staff. We will be leaving school at approximately 10.15 and will return no later than 11.45

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Farm on Wheels visiting school

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome, please come and support the children who will help with the readings.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - One Life Music, whole school retreat

**EASTER BREAK - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**