



Nursery Weekly Focus Week Beginning: 29th January 2024

The children have had another wonderful week and have enjoyed welcoming all the new members to our class. They are all starting to blend well as a class. We are looking forward to showing you our number work in the Parent Workshop this week, please attend if you are able too.

In Literacy this week, we will continue our new text, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. 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 positional language used and character descriptions. We will sequence the story and innovate our own version.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5. We will also practice writing the number 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We will also learn about the words 'many' and 'few' through comparing amounts.

In RE, we will begin our new unit 'Baptism - My Name'. We will learn about the ceremony that takes place in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will use role play to help us with this. **With your child, talk about any Baptisms that you may have attended.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Chinese New Year' and we will learn about the story of the zodiac.

In Expressive Arts & Design, we will use percussion instruments to explore music that is played during the Chinese New Year.

Focus words this week: Dragon, counting, Baptism, sound, story

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

Focus Story:

Little Red Riding Hood



Rhyme of the week

FIVE currant buns in a baker's shop,
Round and fat with a cherry on top.
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

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.

Maths Focus: Comparing amounts



Can you see which fruit you have many of?
Can you see which fruit you have few of?
If you have a sibling at home, can you compare who has many or few books?

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 the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

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 'Little Red Riding Hood'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will sequence the story and innovate a story map.
- We will practice counting to 5, through nursery rhymes such as 'Five Currant Buns'
- We will compare amounts using words such as 'many' and 'few'
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will make our own Little Red Riding Hood.
- We will learn about Chinese New Year.
- 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

Wednesday 31st January - Stay and Play - 08.45am-09.45am (please tell any parent friends with children aged 2, that may find this useful).

Tuesday 30th January - Maths Parents Workshop (Morning parents at 9am and Afternoon parents 1pm. The session will be 45 minutes approximately)

HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Children return back to school.

Wednesday 28th February - Parents Evening

Friday 8th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Farm on Wheels visiting school

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21st March - One Life Music, whole school retreat

EASTER BREAK - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April