



A great big thank you to the parents that helped walk Nursery and Reception to church last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a valuable learning opportunity.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening this week on Tuesday 7th February. If you haven't booked yet, there is still time. This will be a great opportunity for us to talk about your child's progress and their next steps.

This week, we will continue our new theme of 'Chinese New Year'. In our Literacy and Communication & Language: We will: read and learn our new book 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. We will focus on learning some of the vocabulary from the story and practice our story-telling skills, through role play with masks and stick puppets in our small world area. We will use some sequencing pictures to help us learn the story well. In Maths: We are revisiting prepositional language and will continue to practice moving ourselves and objects to specific places in relation to the prepositional language used. In Understanding the World: We will re-read the story behind Chinese New Year and learn why rabbits are important in Chinese culture. To reinforce this learning, we will make rice shakers with this year's animal inside. As part of our Expressive Arts & Design: We will also teach the children the Chinese Dragon Song, the children will be able to add their own movements to the song. In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We are continuing to learn how to share, wait, taking turns when working, playing together and resolving any conflicts in an appropriate manner.

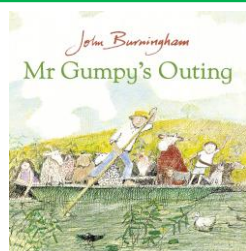
In RE, this week we will continue our new unit of work called 'Baptism - My name'. We will recap our learning on Baptism including, the word baptism, that we are each given a name, the priest uses water in the sacrament of baptism and that through baptism we become part of God's family.

Focus words this week: squabble, hop, chase, tease, muck

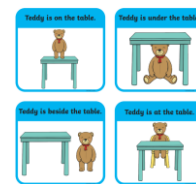
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Mr Gumpy's Outing



Maths of the Week



Could you spend some time practising these positions with your child at home, you could even use some small toys at home to practice. e.g. Can you make teddy sit on the table?

Rhymes of the Week:

Old MacDonald had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm, EE-I-EE-I-O,
And on that farm he had a cat, EE-I-EE-I-O,
With a "meow, meow" here
and a "meow, meow" there,
Here a "meow," there a "meow,"
everywhere a "meow, meow."

Old MacDonald had a farm, EE-I-EE-I-O.



Story Time

Reading books will be changed on **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.

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: 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, I will bring a selection of books up to the gate and if you need to change your book then, you will be able to. However, if it is easier, please put a note in the planner to say your child's book needs changing and we can do that for you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- Continue to learn what happens in a Baptism.
- Recap what we know about baptism
- Recognise our own names.
- We will read the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will sequence the story.
- We will continue to learn prepositional language
- We will learn the Chinese Dragon Song
- We will make rice shakers
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- 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 also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will learn the nursery rhyme, 'Old Macdonald had a farm'

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

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

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett or Mrs Hinton.

30 hours free childcare

How you can use 30 hours free childcare?

You may be able to get 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term time).

If you think your child might be entitled to the 30 hours please use this web address to find out if you eligible.

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

If you need support to apply, speak to Mrs Sheffield in the office or the Nursery staff and we can help.

Important Dates

Tuesday 7th February - Nursery Parents Evening - Appointments will be available to book online from this coming week. Please book a slot, as it is so important to discuss your child's progress.

Thursday 16th February - Invitation for parents to join Nursery for a Chinese New Year workshop. All welcome

Morning Group 10:30am - 11:45am

Afternoon Group 2.00pm - 3:15pm

Friday 17th February - Break up for February Half Term

Half Term - Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Back to school for Spring 2 - Monday 27th February