



Thank you again to all the parents that joined nursery for our story time, we hope you enjoyed yourself and were able to take some ideas home with you for your own story times. The children are looking forward to visiting church this week with Reception, to meet Father Craig and learn some more about Baptism.

This week, we will continue our new theme of 'Chinese New Year'. In our Literacy and Communication & Language: We will: read and learn our book 'Little Red Riding Hood'. 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 story map our innovated story. We will also begin our new book 'My Gumpy's Outing'; we will explore the language and learn some actions for the different animals. In Understanding the World: We will begin to learn about the story behind Chinese New Year. To reinforce this learning, we will make rice shakers with this years animal inside. We will role play the story of the zodiac animals in our outdoor area. We will also begin to start teaching the children the dragon/lion dance for Chinese New Year. In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We are continuing to learn how to share, wait and take turns when working and playing together. In Maths: We are revisiting ABAB patterns and will continue to practice recognising and extending these patterns.

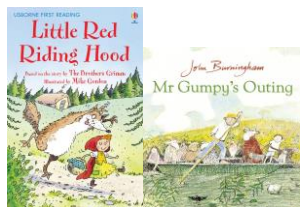
In RE, this week we will continue our new unit of work called 'Baptism - My name'. We will begin visit church to meet Father Craig and explore a little more about this sacrament. We will also have a pretend baptism at church. Look out for photos on our Facebook page and school website.

Focus words this week: pattern, priest, story, boat, dance

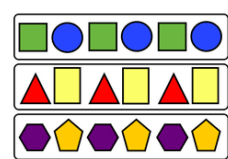
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Little Red Riding Hood
& My Gumpy's Outing



Maths of the Week



Can you use different objects at home or from your garden (lego, bricks, toys, small animals, leaves, sticks) to create an ABAB pattern.

Can you continue a pattern that has already been started?

Rhymes 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!

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 15, when we count the children in class.
- Continue to learn what happens in a Baptism.
- Recognise our own names.
- Visit Father Craig at church
- We will read the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' & 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will innovate and create our own version of Little Red Riding Hood.
- We will create ABAB patterns, these are repeated patterns such as leaf, stick, leaf, stick
- We will learn the dragon/lion dance for Chinese New Year
- We will learn about Chinese New Year and role play the zodiac animal story.
- 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, 'Doctor Foster'

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 31st January - Nursery and Reception will walk up to church to meet Father and learn some more about Baptism. Parent helpers to walk to and from school, are appreciated, please let me know if you are able help.

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