



Thank you again to all the parents and the support you show your children, with daily reading and supporting the learning in school. All the children thoroughly loved exploring the snow last week, talking about how the snow felt, what happens to it when it warms up and how it is made. Please visit the school website to find our class page and see all the wonderful pictures of the children's learning.

This week, we will begin our new theme of 'Chinese New Year'. In our Literacy and Communication & Language: We will: read and learn our book 'Little Red Riding Hood'. This week we will read and learn our new story with a focus on changing some of the aspects of the story such as where the story takes place, or where Grandma lives or even who tries to imitate Grandma. We will learn the story through actions and role play. 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. In Understanding the World: We will begin to learn about the festival Chinese New Year. To reinforce this learning, we use percussion instruments to explore some of the music which might be used as part of the dragon dancing, we will role play the story of the zodiac animals in our outdoor area. We will also use chalks in our outdoor area to expand dragon drawing. 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 counting objects and knowing that the last number we get to, is the total number (*cardinal principle*). We will use the concrete equipment of the numicon, ten frames and counters to help with our counting.

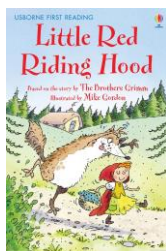
In RE, this week we will begin our new unit of work called 'Baptism - My name'. We will begin to learn what happens in a baptism and explore our own names. We will create some artwork around our own names.

Focus words this week: rabbit, counting, story, baptism, sound

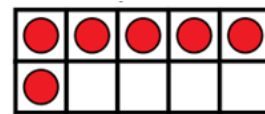
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Little Red
Riding Hood



Maths of the Week



Could you spend some time practising counting different objects around your home, could be counting the steps as you walk up the stairs, counting cuddly toys or counting sweets?

Rhymes of the Week:

Five currant buns

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 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.
- Begin to learn what happens in a Baptism.
- Recognise our own names.
- We will read the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will retell the story using stick puppets.
- We will innovate and create our own version of Little Red Riding Hood.
- We will practice counting objects and know that the last number is the total.
- We will make music for Chinese New Year using percussion instruments.
- 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, 'Five currant buns'

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

Thursday 26th January - Parents welcome to join the Morning Nursery for a story time at 11:30am

Friday 27th January - Parents welcome to join the Afternoon Nursery for a story time at 3:00pm

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.

Friday 17th February - Break up for February Half Term

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

Invitation for parents to join Nursery for a Chinese New Year workshop - date to be confirmed