



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 3rd January 2023

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all of our families. We hope that you have had a restful Christmas break. We are excited to see the children back for a new term.

This week we begin our new topic: People who help us. We will begin by thinking about job roles that we see around us in the local community. We will be introducing our small world fire and police stations and lots of new community character to play with.

In RE we start our Christmas topic and learn about Jesus' birth and about the visitors they received.

Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home.

Focus words this week: Manger, Stable, Emergency, Zero

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

Focus Story:

Whatever Next!



Rhyme of the Week:

Breezy weather. Freezy weather.
When the leaves fall,
we all fall together.
Breezy weather. Freezy weather.
When the wind blows, we huddle together

(Ask your child to perform this with actions)

Maths Focus: Zero



Children need to know and understand the importance of 0. Play matching games where sometimes there is 0 or nothing to count.

Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Come in and choose a book with your child!

This week the children will:

- Listening to and learning 'Whatever Next!'
- Daily handwriting practise
- Daily phonics lessons
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing
- Playing maths games - matching numbers to quantities including zero
- Beginning to learn our Christmas play songs and actions
- Starting a new RE topic - Christmas
- Role playing the Nativity story using small world resources
- Learning new wintery poems
- Learning about the jobs people can have
- Writing about our Christmas break
- Playing with our new small world fire station and police station and vehicles



PE days Monday and Thursday every week

Tuesday 3rd January - Children return to school

Wednesday 11th January - Height/weight nurse visit

Tuesday 24th - Fire engine visit in school