Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 2nd November 20256

Welcome back after half term, we hope you all had a great week. We have an exciting half term coming up as we start to think about our Nativity play and all of the celebrations and special days – Bonfire night, Remembrance day, Diwali, Advent and Christmas.

We begin branch 2 of our new RE scheme –Prophecy and Promise. We think about Mary at the time of the Annunciation when the Angel Gabriel gave her some special news.

In Literacy we are learning our new story 'The Gingerbread man' and will be doing a character hunt and learning the new story.

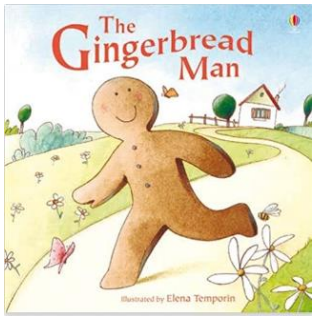
Thank you to all the parents for practising the QR code sounds.

Focus words this week: Diwali, Mendhi, Diwa lamps, festival of light

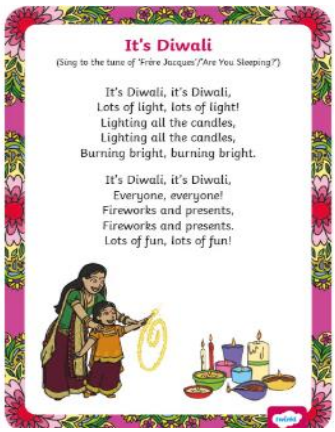
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Gingerbread Man



Rhyme of the Week:



(Ask your child to perform this with actions)

Maths Focus: Making up 5



Roll a dice – make a tower with that number of cubes or blocks/lego

Songs for making number bonds to 5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1oa6o0fMKk

Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Come in and choose a book with your child!

This week the children will:

- Starting our new story 'The Gingerbread Man'
- New story tuff tray to explore
- Play dough gingerbread
- Designing gingerbread men
- Making our own story maps
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in our writing
- Learning to blend sounds together to read
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing
- Using different numbers that make 5
- Playing maths games using dice and cubes
- Making poppy art using collage
- Thinking about special family celebrations in a guessing game
- Diwali Day on Friday – making rangoli patterns, Diva lamps, Medhi and food tasting



Tues. 10th Nov. Reception Maths 'Learn with Me' for parents 9am
Wed. 11th Nov. – REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER SERVICE LED BY LITURGY LEADERS AT 10.50am
Thursday 12th Nov – Individual & sibling photographs
Monday 16th November – ODD SOCK DAY
Fri 27th Nov – Reception Eye Tests from 1pm
SATURDAY 28th Nov – Christmas Fair at STM – St joseph's school, St Joseph's church & STM.
SUNDAY 29th NOV – Sacramental Commitment Mass at SJW at 11.30am
Thurs 3rd Dec. Advent Stay & Pray -9.10am N & R

Mon 7th Dec – Nativity Performance for Parents at 2.30pm
Tues 8th Dec. - Nativity Performance for Parents at 9.30am
Wed. 9th Dec. Whole school Advent Mass at 2.15pm
Thurs 10th Dec – Reception Class to Tanglewood
Saturday 12th Dec – 4pm at St Joseph's Darlaston – Bambinelli Sunday Mass
Wed. 16th Dec – Christmas jumpers & Christmas dinner (TBC)
Thurs 17th Dec – Christmas craft morning. Christmas party afternoon. PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS Fri 18th Dec – Christmas Culture Day
Fri 18th Dec – BREAK UP!