Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 9th November 2026

Thank you for all your hard work in helping the children at home with their phonics and maths games. We can really see the difference in the progress they are making.

We continue with our RE topic – prophecy and promise, we will be thinking about ways in which we can get our hearts ready for Jesus during the time of advent. In Literacy we are continuing to learn and to retell 'The Gingerbread man' story.

We have begun our topic of celebrations, events and festivals this half term as we learnt about Diwali and will continue with Bonfire night and remembrance this week.

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

Focus words this week: More, Equal (same), fewer, compare, celebration

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:

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: 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:

- Retelling The Gingerbread Man story using actions
- Making our own story map to match the story
- Writing story words and lists
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in their writing.
- Learning to blend sounds together to read.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- Playing maths games using dice and cubes
- Thinking about special family celebrations in a guessing game
- Find amounts that are equal by comparison
- Comparing by subitising quickly to build our maths fluency



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
Tuesday 1st December – Flu vaccine catch up
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!