Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 16th November 2026

We are continuing our work on the Gingerbread man this week. The children have really enjoyed it so far and are getting better at having a go at writing words. Our formation is improving and we are starting our curly letters this week such as – c, o, d, g, if you can support your child in practising writing with the correct formation this would be very supportive.

In Maths we will be learning all about parts and whole, using the vocabulary as well as learning about things that are made up of different parts. This is in readiness for work on number composition and number bonds.
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.

Don't forget to scan the QR codes each day to practise phonics with your child at home. If you need extra – let us know

Focus words this week: Part, whole, manger (crib), stable

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

Focus Story:

The Gingerbread Man



Maths Focus: Part: whole



Play games where children are putting parts together – such as a jigsaw puzzle and encourage them to use the words parts and whole

Rhyme of the Week:



Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Come in and choose a book with your child!

This week the children will:

- Write words and captions from the gingerbread man
- Sequencing stories
- Learn about other family celebrations that happen during the year including birthdays, weddings, Christmas, Diwali, new year
- Continue to work hard to learn our set 1 phonic sounds and to form them correctly in their writing
- Learn to blend sounds together to read orally and some of us using green cards to blend
- Part whole models
- Making puzzles with parts
- Beginning to learn our Christmas play songs and actions



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!