Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 23rd November 2026

Thank you to everyone that has filled out forms for our trip. If you haven't please do so this week. We have also sent letters for our performance that need to be returned as soon as possible.

We are starting a new story this week – Stickman. We will read the story and create our own using natural resources. In Maths we will continue to consolidate our work on shape and also begin to explore the concept of 'part' of a number (and other objects) and the 'whole' number. In RE we will be looking at the place that Jesus was born in, thinking about how it was a simple stable and how we remember that today.

Focus words this week: Advent, Part, Whole, Manger (crib)

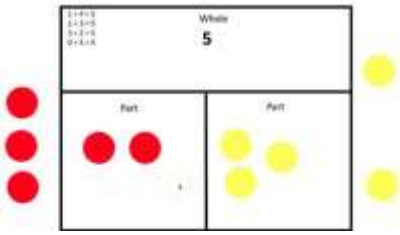
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Stick man



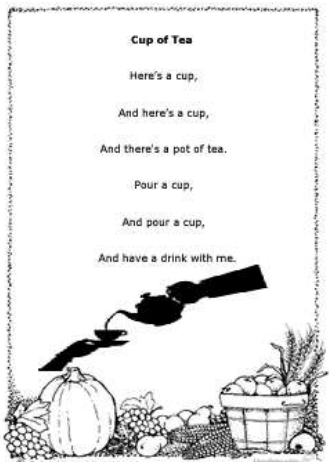
Maths Focus: Part, Part Whole



Explore things around the house that have 'parts'.

Using socks of different colours explore how many of each (parts) and how many altogether (whole)

Rhyme of the Week:



Cup of Tea

Here's a cup,

And here's a cup,

And there's a pot of tea.

Pour a cup,

And pour a cup,

And have a drink with me.

Story Time

Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Come in and choose a book with your child!

This week the children will:

- Writing lists and cards from different celebrations
- Writing labels for our celebrations display
- Setting up our Post office role play area
- 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 – some children will be bringing home ditty sheets to read, others may have blending books to practise.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- Naming and describing 2D shapes – making shapes from other shapes and spotting shapes inside one another.
- RE topic – Where was Jesus born.
- Knowing about St Francis of Assisi and the first nativity scene
- Learning our Christmas play songs and actions
- Learn our new story



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!