



Reception Class Round-Up

Friday 15 October 2021



Some of the lovely things the children have been doing...

We have used stories with repeated text in story time to encourage the children to participate. Linking with harvest we have used the story of 'The Little Red Hen' in Literacy. We have written personal responses to the story, explored characters speech, and even made bread. Don't forget to look at the picture gallery!



In maths we have been recognising, continuing, and creating our own simple patterns. We have been developing formation and understanding of numbers up to 3.

'Protective Behaviours' has been our focus in Personal, Social and Emotional Development. We have explored that parts of our body are private and talked about personal hugging rules.

Some of the things the children will be doing in the coming weeks...

Our topics after half term are **Light and Dark** and **Celebrations**. Our first focus text in literacy will be *Funnybones*, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be writing speech bubbles and labels. It's quite possible there will be a couple of *Funnybones* characters in class to bring our learning to life!

We will be learning about family celebrations such as birthdays, weddings and christenings. We will also be finding out about festivals of light and Christmas of course.



In maths we will be building greater depth of understanding to numbers to 3 – odds and evens, 1 more, 1 less and simple addition.

In phonics we will be introducing single sounds...

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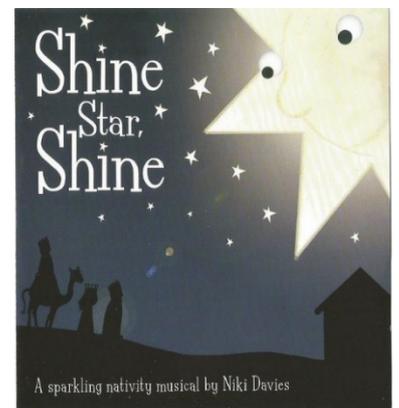
How to help your child at home...

- Continue to practise dressing/undressing to encourage independence
- Practise saying the days of the week and link to routines
- Practise counting to 20 and beyond
- Practise writing numbers 0-10
- Practise writing first and last names – try to use the cursive letters we've learned this half term
- Visit the library – share new and familiar stories

What's coming up/ notices/ information

To support our work with our topic 'Celebrations' please send in any photos of the children at birthdays, christenings etc. We will be making a class celebrations album.

Soon after half term, we will be casting our Reception nativity play *Shine Star Shine*. Children will be bringing home scripts with lines to practise. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils and we're hopeful many will be keen to take a speaking part.



Thank you for your support with handwriting at home. There is already significant improvement in pencil grip, control and letter formation.

Please be aware Pocket Rockets will be reviewed once a week in school. Please continue to practise blending as part of your daily reading at home.

It was great to see everybody at the parent's consultation meetings over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your support so far and for helping the children get off to a great start this year.

