



EYFS Newsletter

Reception News

'If we could build an economy that would use things rather than use things up, we could build a future.' Ellen MacArthur



Happy New Year and welcome back to a fun and exciting new term in Reception! This week, we have started our new topic, 'Once Upon a Time', where we will visit the faraway lands of some traditional fairy tales. We have been looking at the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' this week, thinking about the main events in the story and, in particular, what the characters are thinking and saying. In maths, we have been developing our subitising skills. In our ICT lesson, we recapped our knowledge of Dazle and were able to use our mouse-control skills to draw a gingerbread man. In phonics, we looked at the sounds 'or', 'ur' and 'ow', as well as recapping the tricky words that we learnt last term.



Designing houses for the gingerbread man.

Using Dazle to create a gingerbread man.



Teamwork using phonics to create words.



Subitising numbers using gingerbread men .



Creating gingerbread men and developing cutting skills.

Notices and Reminders

A lot of children came in with lovely new uniform and shoes after the holiday. Please make sure that everything is labelled and that they are able to do up their shoes independently as they will need to do this when changing for PE.

Just a quick reminder that PE for RMD has moved to Monday afternoon.

Many thanks,
The Reception Team

Next Week in Reception:

Next week we will be looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and discussing the importance of choosing correct materials when building. We will be exploring what different materials are used for and why, when designing a house of our own. In maths, we will be thinking about how to build a house using different 3D objects – can you remember their names and what properties make them special? We will be looking at the sounds 'oi', 'ear', and 'air'. In our phonics lessons we will be continuing to learn to form cursive letters correctly.



Nursery News

Welcome Back

We wish all of our Nursery parents and children a Happy New Year! Starting school again after a long break can be exciting for some of our little ones and a little daunting for others. However, no matter what the start of the day looks like at the gate, it has been wonderful to see the children settling into their old routine so quickly and heart-warming to see so many friends reunited. The children have certainly missed each other!

This week, we have been exploring the size of different objects. We read the classic story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We talked about the size of different objects in the story and the children enjoyed role playing and acting this out.



Goldilocks and the Three Bears



We have been exploring the outdoor area. We have been practising changing into our wellies and have loved playing in the wooded area. We have also been using the outdoor mud kitchen to make porridge! Finally, the children have enjoyed exploring our new music trolley made with recyclable materials including pots, pans and cooking utensils.

Ordering bears according to size.



Making porridge!



Making music using pots and pans!

Overview of next week's learning:

Phonics: Dd, initial, beginning and end sounds in words, individual targets, rhyming words

Maths: Height—Exploring, describing, comparing and ordering Topic: The Smartest Giant in Town.



Notices and reminders:

If your child has borrowed any clothing from school, please ensure that they are washed and returned. Kindly note that water bottles should not be kept in bags; this is to prevent water spillage and damage to school books.