



EYFS News

Friday 4th February 2022



What have we been learning?

This week we have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. We enjoyed joining in with the story and making story maps to retell it. We then created speech bubbles and wrote what we thought the Gingerbread man was saying.

We have been thinking about what 'Geography' is and talking about how Geography is all around us. We thought about where we live and the physical and human features we can see. For example, we looked at pictures of the school and church in Bournmoor. We have also been learning more about our 'rights' this week and have been talking about how we have the right to safety. We talked about what this means. We revisited our knowledge on 'road safety' and talked about how to keep safe when we are out and about such as staying with our grown ups and using road crossings. Can you make a map of your journey to school? Draw all of the human and physical features you see on your way (e.g. the church, shops, park, river, woods etc.) then think about the safest route (e.g. using a zebra crossing, walking on the path, etc).



Our value of the month for February is 'honesty'. We have been talking about what it means to be honest and why it is important. We read the story 'Stop Telling Fibs' and looked at some social scenarios.

We have also been learning about Chinese New Year. We watched some clips on CBeebies of some children preparing for Chinese New Year and then celebrating it. We also read the story of the Chinese Zodiac which helped us to understand why each year is named after an animal. As this year is the year of the tiger, we then made our own tigers!

PHONICS

NURSERY

This week our focus story was 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We really enjoyed playing the initial sounds game where we had to find things that began with 'f' to match the repeated phrase, 'Fee, fi, fo fum!'

RECEPTION

This week we have learnt the sounds: **oo, ar, or**. We learnt that the digraph 'oo' can make two different sounds. It makes the 'ooh' sound in words like 'moon', but the 'u' sound in words like 'look'. You will find that these sound cards have been put in your child's book bag for you to practise at home. We have also learnt a new tricky word: **my**

MATHS

NURSERY

We have been continuing to explore patterns this week and have been making two and three step repeating patterns with a variety of objects. We enjoyed playing the 'Shape Pattern' game on TopMarks. If you would like to play this at home, here is the link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>

RECEPTION



This week we have been exploring making pairs and combining two groups. We had a go at matching some socks, then two pictures according to the amounts on each picture. We then explored combining two groups by adding two amounts together. We looked at lots of pictures and talked about what we could see. For example, we saw 3 pink flowers and 4 blue flowers, so there was 7 altogether.

HALF TERM HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE



Our Science topic for this half term is 'Seasonal Changes'. We will be learning about Winter and the changes we might see in Winter compared to Spring, Summer and Autumn. You can complete an optional home learning project over the half term if you would like to. Here are three tasks for you to complete as part of the project:

- 1. Winter walk:** Go for a walk and see which signs of Winter you can spot. What has happened to the trees? What is the weather like? You could take some pictures of what you find and share them on Tapestry!
- 2. Winter weather box** – Talk about what sort of clothes we might need to wear in Winter. Think about what the weather might be like and what clothes we might need to wear to keep us warm and dry. Can you make a Winter weather box? Fill a box/suitcase/bag with all of the clothes you might need in Winter. You could take a picture and share it on Tapestry 😊
- 3. Hibernating animals** – Find out what the word 'hibernation' means. Which animals hibernate? What do they do to get ready to hibernate? Find out some interesting facts and make a fact file – be as creative as you like!

REMEMBER TO UPLOAD YOUR MAGIC MOMENTS TO TAPESTRY! 🌟