

Week Beginning: 17th November 2025

Next week, we will be learning about...

Topic:

We will explore the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Linked to this, we will design and make bridges to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river safely, thinking about how to make them stable. We will continue to look at the painting 'The Starry Night' by Vincent van Gogh and explore silhouettes of buildings. We will put together our collaborative artwork inspired by this piece. We will start to think about what we know about our village and local area. The life skill we will focus on is: **I can change an item of clothing independently.**

Phonics:

We will learn to recognise the sounds z (zebra), zz (buzz), qu (queen) and ch (cherries). We will also learn to read words with 's' at the end (e.g. cats, naps, hits). The tricky words we will be learning are: go, no, to, into.

Maths:

Composition of number is a key area of mathematics and children need considerable and varied practice over time, based on meaningful experiences, to build their understanding of this concept. This week, the children will begin to explore composition by focusing on the preliminary skills: the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. By investigating their own bodies and familiar toys they will begin to understand that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

How you could help your child at home:

- Read with your child at least 3x a week. We will begin to send books home containing words that use the sounds your child has learnt, as and when they are ready for these. Practice identifying the sounds and blending them together.
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt so far.
- Make fruit kebabs, encouraging the children to identify the different parts that will make up the kebab – how many parts will they need and what sort of parts will they choose?
- Where do you enjoy reading? Talk about the different places we might sit down and enjoy a book. Can you find an unusual place to read?
- On Friday this week, we will send home your child's first set of tricky words to learn. Please practise reading these and writing these. We will check progress with these at school and when your child is confident, we will send them home with another set of words to practise.

Reminders:

- Please return reading books on a Friday and library books on a Wednesday.
- **Friday 21st November 8:30-9:00am** - EYFS Maths Morning Stay and Play - come along to the EYFS classrooms and enjoy a range of maths activities with your child.
- **Show and Tell:** We will have a weekly Show and Tell session every Friday afternoon. Each week, one group from each class will have the opportunity to share something. This might be an item from home, favourite toy, photograph or just a familiar story. Each child in the group will have some time to talk to the class, sharing why this item is important to them, before answering questions from their friends.

Show and Tell Groups on Friday 21st November – Squirrels and Eagles

If your child cannot remember which group they are in then please just speak to the EYFS team.

Lapland Groups: Moles, Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Badgers, Foxes

Greenland Groups: Magpies, Eagles, Mockingbirds, Bluebirds, Hawks

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