

Week Commencing 24th November, 2025

This week EYFS will be learning...

Literacy: 'The Gingerbread Man'.

We will:

- describe the story setting and characters.
- Predict what might happen next in the story.
- Role-playing the story.
- Join in with the story.
- Consider what the characters in the story might be saying and how they might be feeling.
- Use our phonics to write initial sounds in words.
- Articulate our ideas in well-formed sentences.
- Write simple words and phrases using our phonic knowledge.

This week's vocabulary:

leaped, scurrying, thundered, scampered, bleated, thistles, frolicked, riverbank, perhaps, smirked, scrambled, trotted.

You might want to:

- Read other versions of the story and talk about how they are the same and how they are different.
- Bake your own gingerbread men.
- Make your own stick puppet characters to act out the story at home.
- Read other 'Traditional Tales'.

Phonics:

We will be recapping on all sounds taught so far.

You might want to:

- Practise saying the sound of each letter.
- Read your school reading book daily, spotting these new sounds.
- Play 'I spy with my little eye' using initial sounds.
- Use crayons, sand, chalk or paint to practise forming the letters correctly.
- Blending the sounds learnt to say or read 2 and 3 letter words.

Mathematics: We will begin our next unit 'Alive in 5'

We will:

- Subitise 0 to 5
- Represent 0 to 5
- Investigate 1 more and 1 less
- Look at composition of these numbers
- Conceptual subitising to 5.

Books to Support this Unit:

- None the Number by Oliver Jeffers
- Zero is the leaves on the tree by Betsy Franco
- Anno's Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno
- I Spy Numbers by Jean Marzollo
- The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson
- Five Small Stars by Elizabeth Matterson and Madge Bugden
- Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

Key questions to support this unit:

More/less

How many are there?

- How many are there now?
- What is 1 more than ?
- What is the number after ?

What is the number before ?

Composition

How many ways can you make 4/5?

How can you show 4/5 in a different way?

What parts can you see?

What is the whole?

Possible sentence stems

There are-----.

There are -----altogether.

-----is 1 more/less than-----.

1 more/less than----- is-----.

-----is 1 less than-----.

Composition

-----is a part and -----is a part.

If -----is a part, then the other part must be-----.

----- is a part of-----.

The whole is-----.

Here is a book list of recommended books that you can share with your child through this block of our mathematical learning.

Witches Four by Marc Brown

- Five Little Fiends by Sarah Dyer
- Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin
- Kipper's Birthday by Mick Inkpen
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Stella to Earth! by Simon Puttock and Philip Hopman
- Anno's Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno

Understanding the World:

- We will bake gingerbread men and discuss the changes that occur when cooking the mixture.
- We will create maps of the gingerbread man's journey.

Expressive arts and design:

- We will be practising the songs for our Nativity Play.

Physical Development:

PE will be on Wednesdays. Please ensure that all jewellery is removed before school and that hair is tied back. Your child will also need their water bottles in school.