

Our Week In Reception

Friday 8th October 2021

N E W H A L L

We have continued focusing on the story of the Gingerbread man this week. The children have become such amazing storytellers. We have been making story maps and drawing the story to help us retell the events.

In literacy this week we are practising our phonics and used our Fred fingers to write words. We squeezed the sounds onto our fingers before we wrote them on our paper and tried to write dog, pig and cat. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into the routines of phonics and are picking up the new sounds so quickly.

In maths this week we have been focusing on comparing amounts and using the language more, less and equals. We used conkers, buses, stickers and playdough to compare amounts and describe which is more or less.

Following on from our topic of 'I am special' we have been looking at our 5 senses and learning all about how they work together to help us experience the world around us. We played animal sound bingo to see what we could hear and we played 'What's in the mystery box?' to guess what we could feel. Yesterday we made Gingerbread men where we used all our senses to listen to instructions, look at what we were doing, smelling the spices, and feeling and kneading the dough before we finally tasted our creations.

Today is World Mental Health Day and we have all been wearing yellow to support the Young Minds charity. We talk a lot about our emotions in Reception and have introduced the 'Zones of Regulation' into our classrooms this week. These zones help the children to communicate their emotions and think about how they can regulate and how they feel to get back to the green zone/happy zone. Earlier on this week a couple of children shared with the class that they had bad dreams and felt sad, so we decided to make dreamcatchers to help the children sleep peacefully and feel happy. We practised mindfulness whilst colouring and discussed who we can talk to if we feel sad. We have had a lovely day and the children have loved wearing yellow and trying out some new activities.

Home learning task.

Next week is eco-week. We will be learning about how to look after our world. One of our activities includes making art from recycling. Please can you bring in as many bottle lids as you can find for our class art project!

Just a few reminders...

- Please can children write their homework in pencil.
- We are collecting any bottle lids for our eco week/art project if you would kindly help us and bring them in. Eco week is the week beginning 11th October so please send in as many as you can collect by then!

Gingerbread men recipe

225g plain flour, plus extra for dusting (if using gluten-free add 1/2 tsp xanthan gum)
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 heaped tsp ground ginger
1/2 tsp cinnamon
50g unsalted butter/vegan butter
100g soft brown sugar
100g golden syrup



Makes 15-20 biscuits

Cream butter and sugar together then add the rest of the ingredients. Roll out the dough and cut your shapes.

Bake 170C for about 10-15 mins