

## Learning in Reception this week – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Robin's Winter Song



### Drawing Club Vocabulary

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- Hibernating
- Appeared
- Replied
- Chased
- Jagged
- Whisper
- Figure
- Spell



### Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds:

**ar ur oo (spoon) or**

We have now learnt all of the Phase 2 phonic sounds and have moved onto Phase 3 which includes digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound).



### Amazing Artists

This week we started learning about our new artist for the term – **Piet Mondrian**, a Dutch painter. We looked at one of his famous art pieces and identified that he had used lots of **squares and rectangles**. We then recreated our own version using squares and rectangles, arranging them on a piece of paper.



### Maths

This week we have been learning about the **number 6**. We found things that represent the number – an egg box, an insect (6 legs), on a clock, spots on a dice, the number 6, the word six etc.

We also watched the 'Counting Sheep' Numberblocks episode and explored **different ways of making 6** using the **part, part, whole model** - 6 & 0, 5 & 1, 4 & 2, 3 & 3.

We have been practising recognising the **spot formations** on a **dice** by playing games. Maybe you could play some games at home using a dice too!

You can watch the Numberblocks episodes again here:

[Numberblocks 6 episode](#)  
[Numberblocks Counting Sheep episode](#)



### Discovery Detectives (History, Geography, Science)

This week the children took part in '**Winter Day**'. We completed lots of activities including learning how snow and ice are formed and had fun experimenting how to **melt ice cubes**. We also went on a walk to look for **signs of winter**, created some **winter art** and made **melting snowman biscuits**.

We have also been learning lots about **robins**, including where they live and what they eat.

### Watch the story of the week here



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### Welly Wednesday

This week we learnt the **different names of birds** including robin, sparrow, blackbird, blue tit, lark, wren.

We learnt what different birds look like, how they make **nests**, what they **eat** and why they have different shaped **beaks**. We also made **bird feeders** to take home to feed the birds in our gardens.



### RE

This week we learnt about why **Christians** consider the **Bible** to be a **special book**. We shared the story of '**Calming the Storm**', and discussed that the Bible includes stories about God and Jesus and the miracles that Jesus performed.



### Continue your learning at home

Take some time to sit quietly in your garden or local park and see which birds you can spot. You could sign up to the **RSBP Big Garden Bird Watch** too:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>