

Learning in Reception this week – 3rd January 2024 – Jack Frost



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 sound:
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(we also reviewed all the sounds learnt so far)



Amazing Artists

We will start learning about our new artist for this term, next week.



PE

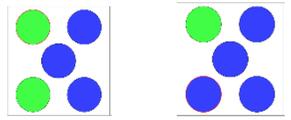
This week we began our **gym PE** unit. We learnt how to make different shapes with our bodies – **straight, tuck and star**. We practised making these shapes on the floor and in a standing position. We practised holding the shapes for 5 seconds.



Maths

This week, we have been using the ‘**5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer**’ song to help us with our maths learning. We have been singing the song and identifying **1 less** each time we sing the verse. We have been using a **die frame** with counters to show the change in quantity each time.

We have also been practising **making 5** using 2 numbers. We have used counters on a die frame to show the different ways to make 5. E.g. $2+3=5$ $1+4=5$




Discovery Detectives (History, Geography, Science)

This week we have started to learn about **Winter**. We have been looking at **signs of winter** – colder weather, bare trees, wearing different clothes and so on. We discussed how we can **keep warm** in winter and that some animals and birds hibernate or migrate to stay warm.

Watch the story of the week here



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Welly Wednesday

This term we will be **learning about the weather**. This week we explored **rain**. We read the ‘**Little Raindrop**’ story and learnt the **life cycle** of a raindrop. We laid on the grass and watched the clouds, talking about the colours and shapes and that the darker ones meant it would rain soon. We guessed where the sun was because it was brighter behind those clouds. We collected water from puddles and poured them all in a big bucket to see how much we could find. We then created drawings with chalk on the playground and watched how the rain turned it into ‘paint’. It then started raining so we counted how many raindrops we could catch on our tongues!



RE

This term we are learning about ‘**Special Places**’.

This week, we began by sharing places that are special to us and why they are special. We learnt that the **church** is a special place for **Christians**. We looked at various pictures of churches and identified the similarities and differences between them.



Continue your learning at home

Go for a **family walk** and look for **signs of winter**.