

Learning in Reception this week – 8th January 2024 – 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.

- Winter
- Chill
- Shimmered
- Migration
- Transformed
- Melting
- Peeped
- Tumbling



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 by arranging paper squares and rectangles.



PE

This week we practised making the shapes we learnt last week **straight, tuck and star**. We then travelled along the PE apparatus and explored making the shapes on the equipment.



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.



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Welly Wednesday

This week we read the story '**Wren Builds a Nest**'. We learnt the names of some different birds, what they look like, how they make nests and what they eat.

We explored the field and found **natural items** to make our own **nests** for a soft toy bird.

We then enjoyed a hot chocolate and ate our snowman biscuits, to end our winter day.



RE

This week we learnt more about **churches**, and why they are a special place for **Christians**. We watched a video which showed us the special features inside a church including the **alter, lectern and font**. We also shared our own experiences of visiting a church which included at Christmas, for weddings and christenings.



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/>