

Reception Newsletter

24th January 2020

Things we have been doing:

- ✚ Enjoying our inside and outside bakeries
- ✚ Creating a class counting book to 10
- ✚ Baking our very own gingerbread men
- ✚ Discussing the changes that we noticed as we made and baked the gingerbread men
- ✚ Counting 9 and 10 from a large number and recording how to make 9 and 10
- ✚ Choosing Independent writing about what the gingerbread man and other characters might say to each other
- ✚ Experimenting with changing the texture of paint in our art area
- ✚ Investigating making 9 by measuring distance e.g. who can make the smallest 9 steps
- ✚ Designing and creating a gingerbread man using different materials
- ✚ Creating a dance about the Gingerbread man
- ✚ Investigating and exploring how some materials may change if we mix them with water
- ✚ Imagining we are the Gingerbread man and building an obstacle course to run away
- ✚ Counting the buttons we can catch in a net in the water area
- ✚ Phonic sounds ar, or, air, ir
- ✚ Learning about beat and rhythm in music and playing the glockenspiel
- ✚ Moving and traveling in different ways in our PE lesson

Chinese New Year

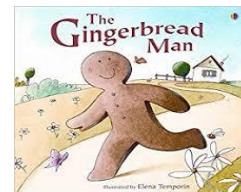
We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday 31st January. Our activities throughout the week and on Friday will reflect this.

Week commencing 27th January we will be reading:



This week we will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. If you have access to this story in any of its formats, it would be great if you could discuss it with your child. Spending time talking about the different characters and what happens.

This week we read:



The children enjoyed 'The Gingerbread Man'. We used to story as a link to our baking and discussing the change in materials.

Linked to the story the children baked gingerbread men. They worked collaboratively with each other and really enjoyed the tasting session in the afternoon.

Adventures of Pepper and Patch

Patch and Pepper peeped through the window to watch us baking the gingerbread men. The children may have told you that one of our gingerbread men jumped out of the oven and ran away. The reception team are not sure but it looks like the rabbits we talking to a small little figure with smarties eyes early one Wednesday morning.

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Next week we will be:

- ✚ Enjoying our Chinese restaurant role play
- ✚ Practising using chopsticks and playing a sharing game
- ✚ Discussing different cultures' celebrations of New Years and telling the story of the Chinese lunar calendar
- ✚ Experimenting with the colours we can make when we mix paint
- ✚ Threading pipe cleaners with beads to make firework explosions
- ✚ Writing a recipe for gingerbread men
- ✚ Comparing groups up to ten using numicon
- ✚ Comparing the number of skittles we can knock down with our friends
- ✚ Working together to make a gingerbread man collages
- ✚ Building a safe place for the gingerbread man to live using different types of construction
- ✚ Continuing to enjoy our outside bakery role play
- ✚ Enjoying our Chinese New Year outdoor small world
- ✚ Investigating different materials that float or sink in our water area
- ✚ Exploring capacity using rice
- ✚ Using our fine motor skills to pick up noodles using chopsticks
- ✚ Enacting the Chinese New Year in our performance area
- ✚ Enjoying another wonderful music lesson with Mrs Lasebikan focusing on beat and rhythm
- ✚ Continuing our PSHE lessons with Jigsaw Genie
- ✚ Continuing to move and travel in different ways in our PE lesson
- ✚ Learning the ou, oy and ck sounds in our phonics
- ✚ Enjoying our Chinese New Year mix up day on Friday 31st where we will explore the different activities in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2.

Next week could you please:

- ✚ Read with your child for five minutes a night. Talk about the pictures and the story they have read so far. Please write a comment in the reading journal.
- ✚ Count a smaller number from a larger number.
- ✚ Please practise the following tricky words so that your child recognises them by sight: I, the, no, to go, into, he, she, we, me, be.

- ✚ Practise the phonemes we have been learning this week:

| Phoneme sound | Writing phoneme |
|---------------|-----------------|
| ar | Start the car |
| or | Shut the door |
| air | That's not fair |
| ir | Whirl and twirl |

Earrings in PE

Could you please remember that if your child wears earrings, they have them taken out on a Thursday morning before our PE lessons.