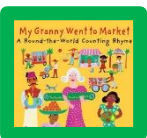


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 9.01.23



Term 3 topic- What happens in our world?
Our story of the week - "My Granny went to Market"

What a busy time we have had since the term began! We started our 'Parent stay and play' sessions this week. Thank you to all those who joined us. We hope you had as much fun as we did! There is still time to sign up. Even if the day you require is full, please come and speak to us, I'm sure we could squeeze you in!

Please read on and find out what we have been doing this week!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- As always, we look out for each other and work as a team.

We continue to try to stick to our 'Ready,' 'Safe,' and 'Respect' rules. We also know how important it is to say please and thank you. You would be so proud of us if you heard us at snack time! In jigsaw this week, we listened to the chime in Calm Me time, and chatted about things that challenge us or we find hard to do. We know we keep going and try our best even if we find something tricky.

Communication and Language- We are becoming very confident when expressing our knowledge, thoughts and views in front of our friends and our teachers. We also have been talking about where we have been in the world and what we know about other countries. We had lots of questions too! We are going to have fun finding out the answers! We talk about the different places in the world we would like to visit. I was blown away by the variety; from Bethlehem to the moon!

Physical Development- We continue to enjoy our outdoor sessions, despite the wintery weather, in the morning and afternoon. On the playground we developed our skills using hockey sticks, bats and balls, hoops and footballs. It all helps to develop our gross motor skills. As always, we exercise our fine motor skills in Reception through a variety of activities. At the malleable table this week, we explored play dough, used tweezers to pick up pom poms and stirred and sieved flour into bowls! The malleable resources, as well as many of the activities in the class, strengthen our fingers to help us become brilliant writers and artists!

Literacy- We have really enjoyed reading the book 'My Granny went to Market' and enjoyed learning the names of all the countries she visited on her flying carpet. The children continue to love our phonics sessions, especially when Fred Frog makes an appearance and talks to the children in sounds only! We love using our very own writing books. This week we wrote about our sticker homework, 'Tell me where in the world you would like to go.' We continue to enjoy writing on clip boards, post its, notepads and whiteboards. We are trying so hard with our handwriting at the moment.

Mathematics- We are great mathematicians in Reception. We are loving learning all our numbers facts! Ask us different ways of making numbers to 5. We are becoming more confident with adding two groups of objects together and saying the number sentence eg. 4 plus/ add 2 makes/ equals 6. We use our fingers, count all the objects, count on putting the bigger number in our heads or use a number track. So many different ways! We used objects from 'Granny's' travels to make the number sentences...great fun! This week we also learned about number zero. We know that zero means nothing and empty.



Understanding the World- Learning about our world is so exciting! Whilst exploring our book of the week, we discussed the places 'Granny' travelled to and found them on the map. We also looked at the countries where some of our family are from or where our relatives live. We also looked at a map of Faringdon and photos of local landmarks which we got very excited about when we recognised them. Some children wanted to know where sharks live and after talking to them about many sharks living in the Southern Hemisphere, they asked if any sharks live near us. I was really excited to show them videos of Basking Sharks and this created lots of discussions.

Expressive Arts and Design- Our classrooms are full of fantastic art work from 'My Granny went to Market.' We have used a variety of skills to create kites, boomerangs, magic carpets and lanterns. We have had great fun in our various role play areas in our classrooms.

Supporting learning at home

- Could you build and say a number sentence using objects at home?
- Have a shape hunt!
- Can you think of a sentence using some of the red (tricky) words you have been learning? (eg I, the, to)
- Can you find Great Britain on a map of the world?
- We love this song at school... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzqdDdxrgvI>

Notes for next week 16.01.23

- Please ensure book bags are in every day.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves daily.
- Water bottle every day please with water in.
- Please sign up for a 'Stay and play' session if you have not already.
- If you want to be a mystery reader, let us know! These sessions have been very popular. Remember, if a Monday or a Tuesday don't suit you, come and talk to me, we can definitely sort another day out for you.

Have a lovely weekend!

