



Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 15.01.24

**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! Our 'Parent stay and play' sessions happened again this week. Thank you to all those who joined us. We hope you had as much fun as we did! 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. 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. We have had some new toys delivered to our class this week and we have been very excited to play with them. Subsequently, we have had a big focus on sharing and taking turns.


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 also discussed where we live and what is in our town. We had some great ideas from the Folly Tower, Costa and 'My Mummy's very important nail shop.'

Physical Development- We continue to enjoy our outdoor sessions, despite the wintery weather, in the morning and afternoon. 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, threaded pasta onto pipe cleaners 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! In PE this week we pretending to be trains and moving around with opposite arms and legs.

PE home challenge – Can you march on the spot using opposite arms and legs? Have a go at crawling using opposite arms and legs.

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 have settled well into their new phonics groups. We love using our very own writing books. We continue to enjoy writing on clip boards, post-its, notepads and whiteboards. We are trying so hard with our handwriting at the moment. Most children brought home a letter formation sheet on Thursday to practise forming a letter they have difficulty with. Please practise forming these correctly with your child.

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! We used the numeral and symbol cards to build and say number sentences.

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. How far are they from Faringdon and how would we get there? We also looked at a map of Faringdon. We thought and chatted about where we live. We also sorted photos of landmarks that are in Faringdon and landmarks that are not in Faringdon.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have used a variety of skills to create kites, boomerangs and magic carpets. We have had great fun in our various role play areas in our classrooms. My hair has never been brushed so much!

Supporting learning at home

- Could you build and say a number sentence using objects at home?
- Try to make some bonds using counters or anything you can find e.g. find 5 toy cars and use them to make 5 in different ways.

Our top tips for reading this week!



- Practise recognising your sounds every day. We will be sending home a sheet with all the sounds and the rhymes we use to write them.

Notes for next week 22.01.24

- Please ensure book bags are in every day as we will be listening to your child read at least once a week.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves daily.
- Water bottle every day please.
- Please sign up for a 'Stay and Play' session if you have not already.
- If you would like to be a Mystery Reader, (letter went out at the end of last term), let us know!

Have a lovely weekend!