



Reception Weekly Newsletter – 21st January 2022

Hello Reception Parents and Carers! The frosty weather seems to have invigorated the children who are working so hard. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about identifying, recognising and representing numbers 6 to 8 and they have amazed us with their writing of the numbers 0 to 20 (the children know not to forget that important number 0). We have some budding actors and actresses retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs with masks, puppets and cuddlies. The children also had to imagine they were a character from the story in our 'hot seat' activity where they had to find out more about each character and their journey through the story through questions and answers. We have been encouraging the children to try to create a story book themselves using words and pictures based on our colourful semantics approach. Our role play areas have included building tools, hard hats and spirit levels to test whether the buildings they have designed in construction areas are actually flat. Such impressive architecture skills Reception – the wolf would certainly not blow down your houses in a story!

Now for next week's fun - please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

This week we will be learning - Week Beginning 24th January 2022

- Our traditional tale for this week is 'The Gingerbread Man' and the children will continue to think about the different characters in the story. We will get creative making gingerbread faces out of paper plates and gingerbread people out of play dough. We are going to be creating our own paper gingerbread character and then we will be doing something extra exciting. There will be more information to follow but we will ask the children to send their Gingerbread person on an adventure to visit a friend or family member. That friend or family member will then be asked to send the Gingerbread person back to us at school with an account of what the Gingerbread person did on his adventure. We will learn about maps and how we use them. We will think about what country, town or city we might want to send our Gingerbread person to for their adventure.
- In phonics, we will be recapping all of the sounds we have learnt so far: k/ l/ r/ u /ck /b/ g/ h/ c/ a/ i/ m/ s/ t/ n/ o/ p/ d/ v/ f/ e / j/ w/ z. The children will be building these sounds into simple words and will then have a go at writing them down, thinking about the letter formation. Our everyday words are: as and he.
- In maths, the children will be learning to use part part whole models to represent pairs that total 6, 7 and 8.

The children will begin the week by finding numbers that when added together total 6, 7 and 8 for example $3+3=6$. They will finish the week by learning to subtract a number from 8 and will be playing a game called race to zero. We are still frequently singing our days of the week and months of the year throughout the week.

- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: part, part whole; map and responsibility.



Some important information and reminders:

- **Tapestry Photo:** Quick reminder to please take a photograph of your own home and upload it to Tapestry by the week commencing **24th January** so your child can share it with the class. Inspired by our story of the week in a couple of weeks time: The Ginger Bread Man, the children will be discussing what sort of house the Ginger Bread Man may live in and chatting about the different homes they live in too.
- **Urgent call for playdough resources:** The children are always so immersed in their playdough creations as they mould and sculpt all sorts of wonderful creations, but unfortunately, our playdough ingredients have diminished! If you are happy to donate flour, salt, oil and cream of tartar, we would really appreciate it!
- **Urgent call for paper plates:** The children will love creating their Gingerbread person faces next week and so any donations of paper plates (any size) will also be greatly appreciated.
- **School Reading Book/Borrow a Book:** We are reading with the children each week and are encouraging the children to read everyday. Please remember to return your child's school reading book on their reading day, as well as their 'Borrow a Book' book.
- **Oxford Reading Buddy:** Please do continue to access Oxford Reading Buddy at home as it is a great way to support your child with their reading. You will find their logins stuck into the front cover of their reading records.
- **Pick Up Location:** The end of the day pick up locations are remaining the same as the end of Autumn 2. The Reception children will be dismissed in front of the climbing frame, with RF closest to the green school gates, followed by RW, then RDC and ending with RY closest to the school. Not to worry if you get a little lost, there is signage to show the location of each class. Once you have collected your child, please exit promptly and in front of the red chairs so that we can keep the line moving.
- **Junk Modelling resources:** Along with messy play, the children love to build all sorts of wonderful things using all sorts of junk they find around the house. If you have any junk modelling resources, we would be more than happy to take these. **Just a quick note to say that we are not taking any food boxes or wrappers.** For junk modelling resources ideas, please see below.
 - loo roll/kitchen roll tubes
 - shoe boxes
 - glitter
 - pipe cleaners
 - pom poms
 - bottles and bottle lids
 - toothpaste tubes
 - straws
 - fabric
 - googly eyes



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Cooking at home

We have included a recipe below for you to have a try at home together. Inspired by this week's traditional tale, why not make your own Gingerbread people.

Gingerbread people

Ingredients

225g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
½ tsp salt
2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 heaped tsp ground ginger
½ tsp cinnamon
50g unsalted butter
100g soft brown sugar
100g golden syrup

Method:

STEP 1

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and line a baking tray with baking parchment. Sieve the flour, salt, bicarb, ginger and cinnamon into a large bowl. Heat the butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved. Leave the sugar mixture to cool slightly, then mix into the dry ingredients to form a dough. Chill the dough in the fridge for 30 mins.

STEP 2

On a surface lightly dusted with flour, roll out the dough to a ¼-inch thickness. Stamp out the gingerbread men shapes with a cutter, then re-roll any off-cuts and repeat. Place your gingerbread shapes on the lined trays, allowing space for them to spread. Cook for 10-15 mins, then remove from the oven and leave to cool.