



Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 12.01.26

**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!
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 use our learning muscles. Let us know which ones you use at home! Our theme this term in Jigsaw is Dreams and Goals and this week we listened to the chime in Calm Me time and chatted about goals we would like to achieve. We know that it is important to persevere and not give up. We know we keep going and try our best even if we find something tricky, just like Raj the Robot.

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 landmarks in Faringdon and looking at a map of Faringdon and spotting roads, fields and water. Thank you for taking part in Sticker Homework this week the children loved telling us what they know about Faringdon. The children enjoyed learning a little bit about Mexico, doing the Mexican Hat dance looking at and listening to a clip of a Mariachi band.

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 a variety of sports equipment, including hockey sticks, bats and balls and hoops. 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, 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 have jumping, leaping, hopping, throwing for accuracy and star jumps. We played a competitive game with a partner and we know we have to be a good sport and congratulate our partner when we don't win.

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. The children have been split across the cohort into 4 groups, so if your child talks about going to a different class for phonics, they have not moved classes, it's just for phonics. We love using our very own writing books. This week we looked at our pages in our story, drew a picture and wrote a sentence. We tried hard to listen for the sounds in words, use finger spaces and a full stop.

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 ordered numbers, match numerals to quantities and build staircases with cubes. We know there is one more added each time. We have been showing numbers on our fingers, counting to 20 and thinking about 1 more and 1 less than a number. We also filled in the missing numbers on a number track.

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 and photos of places in Faringdon. We thought and chatted about where we live and what we can do and see in our town. This week we have been using all sorts of interactive games on the smartboard.

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. In music this week we listened and moved to a piece of music and tried hard to find the pulse and move into with the music. We also enjoyed performing a song for each other.

Supporting learning at home

- Could you work out how many objects you have and say what is 1 more and 1 less than the number of objects?
- Try to make some number bonds using counters or anything you can find e.g. find 5 toy cars and use them to make 5 in different ways.
- Remember to share your child's library book with them and enjoy a story every day.
- Please read sound blending books and ditties in your book bags at least three times a week.

Notes for next week 19.01.26

- Please ensure water bottles and book bags are in school every day, as we may change books on different days each week.
- PE kit back in school, please.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves daily.
- If you would like to be a Mystery Reader and come in and read a story at the end of the day on a Tuesday or a Thursday, please let your child's teacher know.

Have a lovely weekend!