



Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 13.01.25

**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 'Mystery Reader' stories this term, do come and read the children a story of your choice on a Tuesday or a Thursday. 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! 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, just like Raj the Robot. Our school value this term is 'resilience', and we know that even when we find things tricky, we keep going and don't give up.

Communication and Language- We are becoming very confident when expressing our knowledge, thoughts and views in front of our friends and our teachers. Thank you for taking part in our sticker homework talking about what we know about Faringdon and what we know about other countries. The children enjoyed looking at sombreros, doing the Mexican hat dance and listening to 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 hockey sticks, bats and balls, hoops and footballs. It all helps to develop our gross motor skills. Ask us what this is! 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 been working on our balance and have been practising walking forwards and backwards, trying hard to stay on the line. We have also been lifting our opposite arm and leg as we move around.

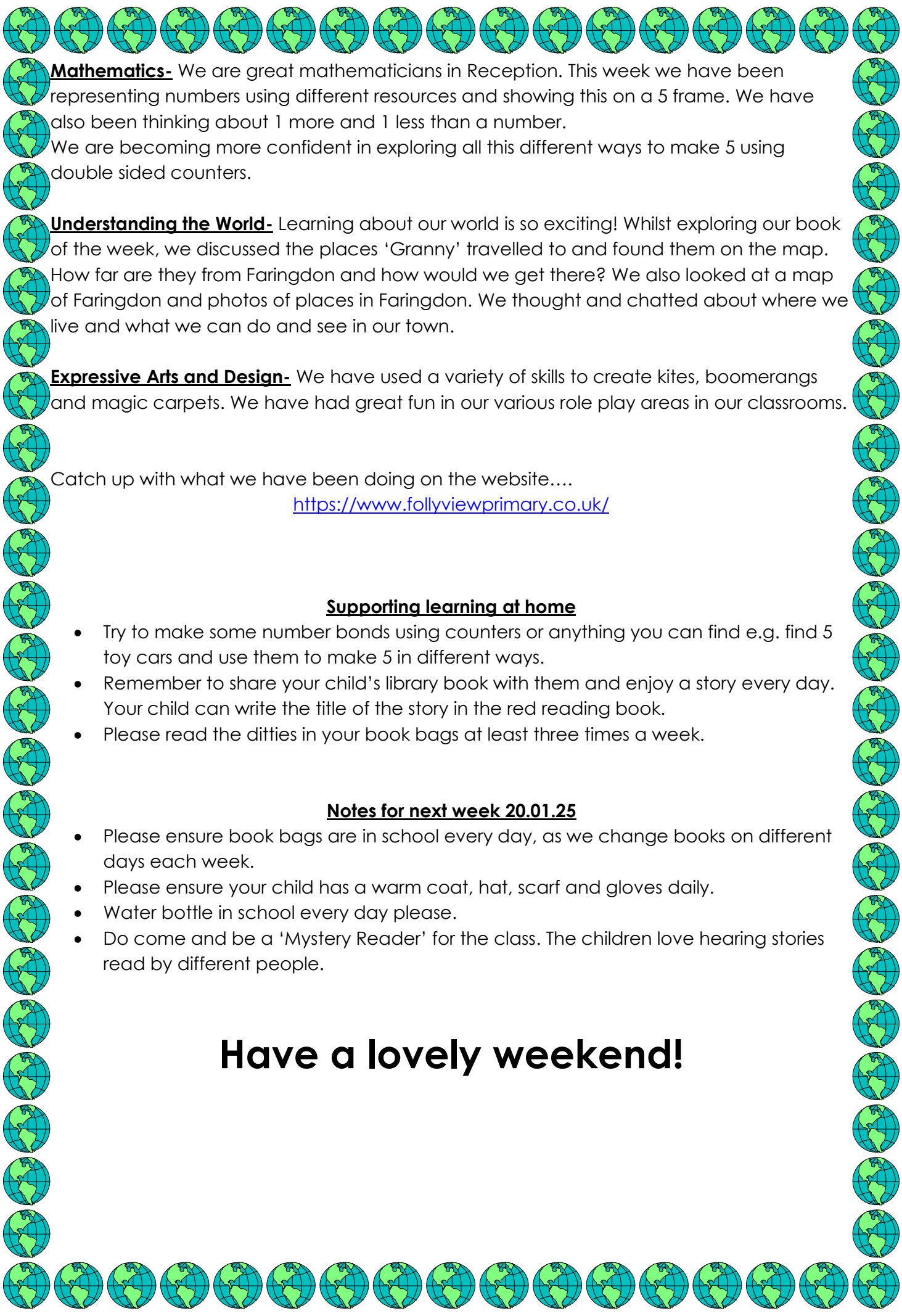
PE home challenge – Can you march around lifting your opposite arm and leg?

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 Reception and Year 1 into 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 drew a picture of something we did at the weekend and wrote a sentence about it.

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. This week we have been representing numbers using different resources and showing this on a 5 frame. We have also been thinking about 1 more and 1 less than a number. We are becoming more confident in exploring all this different ways to make 5 using double sided counters.

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.

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.

Catch up with what we have been doing on the website....

<https://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk/>

Supporting learning at home

- 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. Your child can write the title of the story in the red reading book.
- Please read the ditties in your book bags at least three times a week.

Notes for next week 20.01.25

- Please ensure book bags are in school every day, as we change books on different days each week.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves daily.
- Water bottle in school every day please.
- Do come and be a 'Mystery Reader' for the class. The children love hearing stories read by different people.

Have a lovely weekend!