



Reception Newsletter– Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you all had a lovely and restful Christmas break. It was wonderful to see the children return to school and share their holiday news with us.

We would also like to say a big thank you for the very kind and thoughtful Christmas gifts and cards. They were truly appreciated by the Reception team.

Literacy – Drawing Club

In Drawing Club this week, the children explored the traditional tale **Hansel and Gretel**. They focused on:

- **Characters** – Hansel, Gretel, and the Witch
- **Setting** – the forest and the sweet house
- **Adventure** – what’s in the witch’s cauldron

The children used their imagination to talk about their ideas and created detailed drawings while developing their storytelling and vocabulary skills.

Maths

This week, the children continued to engage in activities that focused on the **purpose of counting** – finding out *how many* objects there were.

The children:

- Revisited **cardinality**, learning that the *last number counted told us how many there were altogether*
- Continued practising the **counting sequence**
- Focused on the **stable order principle**, rehearsing the order of numbers to 5 and understanding that the order never changed
- Explored the **ordinal aspect of number**, discovering that each number had a value of **1 more** than the previous number

They used blocks and squares to order quantities from 1 to 5, which helped embed this important understanding.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

Linked to the story work, the children made their own **sweet houses**, using a range of materials. This supported creativity, fine motor skills, and imaginative play.

Physical Education (PE)

In PE, the children developed their **ball skills**, including throwing, catching, rolling, and controlling a ball. These activities helped to build coordination, confidence, and teamwork.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception team.

AWARDS



Every week, the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our Achievers Certificates. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might be an outstanding all-rounder.

Achievers

Boe

Toby

VIPs

Jack C

Lily P



