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Reception have enjoyed yet another very busy half term.

In maths the children have been learning how to record their addition number work and are really getting to grips with the + and = signs. We are building on practical work and have begun to solve simple problems; bauble maths investigations have been very popular!

We also use Numicon materials (not Unicorn!) to reinforce number knowledge and the children are very keen on these activities.



The school nurse came in and delivered a very informative session on hand washing – reinforcing those important hand hygiene messages. We are probably the best Reception class hand washers in the world!

The children are also working very hard in phonics. This half term's new "sounds" and some of our "red" words are below. (Red words are those which the children can't use Fred Talk to sound out and so we need to learn them on sight.)

New sounds- b, u, e, l, h, sh, f, r, v

Red words- me, be, we, she, he, and remember, to, the, I, you.

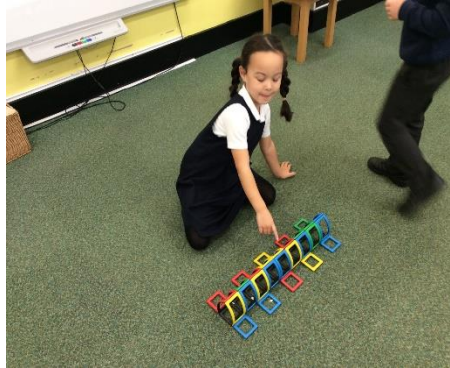
Again it would really help your child if you could practise these sounds, and build words with them, at home. Ask your child to teach you the formation for each sound. Check out our short letter formation videos on Reception Google Classroom.

We've enjoyed listening to and writing lots of stories. Classic stories such as "We're going on a Bear Hunt", "SHHH" and "Not now, Bernard," have been very popular with the children.

We took part in anti-bullying week and really enjoyed wearing odd socks to school! Our Personal, Social and Emotional development sessions that week discussed friendships and being a good friend; the children participated well and could talk warmly about their friends in our class.

The children have been involved in lots of creative activities- we have made Autumn leaf necklaces, printed Autumn trees with cotton buds and made firework pictures with pan scourers. We have made "Trees through the Seasons" calendars and have remembered our colour mixing work. We have also made Christmas cards, frosty snowflakes and glittering CD Spinners.

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The best construction models and ideas come from the children themselves and they have used the large construction area to build ramps and roadways and the small construction has been used daily to build towers, rockets, rollers, jails and witches hats!



Enjoying our Christmas party!

Lastly, we have enjoyed working in the outdoor environment.



Weeding and tidying.



In our last gardening session the children planted garlic and curly kale and we listened very carefully to our safety talk around the fire pit.

Looking forward to Spring 1: The children will be continuing to use quality stories as a stimulus for their writing, and we will be introducing story structure, first... next....after that..... We will also be

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writing lists and labels as part of the wider purpose for writing. In maths we will be building upon our addition knowledge and also working on subtraction. We will be reinforcing number bonds to 10 and looking particularly at shape and weight.

Please remember an overview of the Reception yearly curriculum is also on this website.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our class this term. We couldn't do it without you!