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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics and Literacy**

Over the last week we have been practising the digraphs ch and sh and we have continued to practise writing a sentence each day containing these sounds. Thank you for all your support reinforcing these sounds at home. It becomes a bit trickier this term with the digraph (double letter) sounds so extra practice at home helps to embed the learning and it also builds the children’s confidence. In our Literacy lessons we have continued with our work on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We are working on drawing our story maps and enjoyed orally rehearsing the story using actions.

**Maths**

Last week we continued to practise our subitising skills. We then looked at part whole models and thought about ways in which we can make 5 such as 4+1=5. We explored writing our own equations and representing this on a five frame. Our number of the week was 11. We thought about different ways of making eleven and explored using the Numicon and other mathematical equipment to show eleven.

**Topic**

We have continued with our topic from Galilee to Jerusalem. We have been listening to scripture and learning about when the Wise Men visited Jesus. We also learned that they are called The Magi. We looked at some pictures from the story and talked about what was happening in them and we practised retelling the story thinking about the sequence of events. This week we will be focusing on Jesus’ life as a little boy thinking about how it compares to our own and how we can help our parents like He did.

**Ballet**

For our PE this half term we have been taking part in dance with Miss Katherine. The children have all really enjoyed the sessions so far and are putting together an amazing dance! We will add videos to our class pages demonstrating their skills shortly.

**Homework**

- Please continue to access the Phonics Bug and school reading books at home. Try to read **three** times a week or every day if possible.

- Can you think of any other fairy tales you enjoy listening to? Could you draw a picture of your favourite character?

Many thanks, please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

The Reception Team



