

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Reception Newsletter

Happy New Year! The children have enjoyed a lovely first week back at school after the break. Many thanks for all the kind words, cards and gifts the children have brought into school, it is very generous and thoughtful.

**Phonics and Literacy**

We have been consolidating our knowledge of the sounds we have covered so far and using these to practise our reading and writing skills. This week we have looked at the sounds sh and ch. These are digraphs: two letters that make one sound. We will continue to add the words and sounds to your child’s phonics book for you to practise at home over the coming weeks. This half term we will be listening to and talking about fairy tales. This week we will be focusing on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and thinking about what we already know about the story.

**Maths**

We have been practising our counting skills and we looked at different amounts of objects up to ten, counting out that number of objects and reading and recognising the written numeral and the number word. We have continued to practise our subitising skills: recognising sets of 0-5 objects without counting them one by one.

**Topic**

We have begun our new topic From Galilee to Jerusalem. We have been talking about different celebrations during our Celebration of the Word sessions and we learned about the significance of the Epiphany and when the three Wise Men brought gifts to give to the baby. Over the course of this topic we will be learning about different significant events during the life of Jesus, focusing on key pieces of scripture from the Bible.

**Snack Money**

Snack Money is £6 for this half term or £1 a week.

**Homework**

- Please continue to access the Phonics Bug reading books at home as well as your child’s school reading book. Try to read three times a week or every day if possible.

- Could you practise writing the sentence “I had fish and chips.”

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

The Reception Team



