

Reception Newsletter Friday 19th November 2021

The children are making steady progress with their phonics and many can blend the sounds to read.
Thank you for all the work you put in to support them at home!

Thank you for supporting Children in Need – we hope the children enjoyed themselves in their pyjamas and odd socks!

Absence from school

If your child is going to be out of school for any reason, please ring the school office before 8:00am on the first day of the absence stating reasons for absence.

Tel: 0208 6897684

Dressing and undressing

In reception, children are expected to manage most of their personal care including putting on and taking off their coat.

Please encourage your child to put on and take off their coat including doing the zip.



Literacy

This week we have been reading the story 'Cinderella' and learned how to retell the story by acting it out to help us remember the events

Next week we will move on to the Traditional tale of 'The Gingerbread Man' watch it here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoRrP12g6uk>

Can children learn to say 'You can't catch me – I'm the gingerbread man!'

We are still unable to have long conversations about your child's progress because of Covid restrictions, but if you have any queries or questions for your child's teacher, please use the class email below. We will respond within 24 hours.

Briggs Class: briggsclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Donaldson class: donaldsonclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Hargreaves class: hargreavesclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Seuss class: seussclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Attendance

w/e: 12/11/21

Hargreaves: 93%

Seuss: 95.8%

Donaldson: 89.5%

Briggs: 90.4%

Achievement Certificates

Hargreaves: Golden and Aron

Seuss: Saara and Yusuf

Donaldson: Kwame and Raka

Briggs: Gracie and Fatima

Phonics

Next week we will be learning;

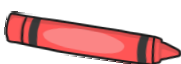
sh – shell th - thumb ng – ring and nk - sink **Tricky words:** go no to into she push he of

Challenge

Can you listen to this song? **Alphabet phonics song** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PmB3SIjNdQ>

Can you have a look at a book (any book, newspaper or magazine, etc.) and find the sounds we learned so far?

See how many of 'ck' sound you can find or how about 'll' sound?



Sparkle and Shine

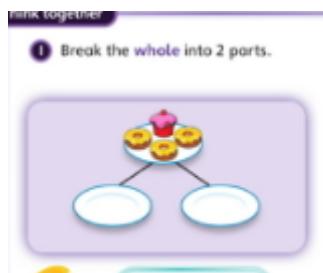
Children have learned about different celebrations including Diwali and fireworks Night. We have used the story of Cinderella to think about preparing for a party or other special occasion. Next week our activities will include rolling out playdough to make gingerbread men, and acting the story out in the outdoor classroom so we can run away from all the characters in the story.

Maths

We have spent two weeks looking at changes in numbers to five – children can find one more and one less and know whether numbers get bigger or smaller.

We will now be moving onto number bonds – finding ways of making up to 5.

We will introduce the 'part, part, whole model which helps the children to organise their ideas



Children will find that there are different ways to do this!

Maybe you could try making some Gingerbread Men

- 225g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 heaped tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 50g unsalted butter
- 100g soft brown sugar
- 100g golden syrup



Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and line a [baking tray](#) with baking parchment. Sieve the flour, salt, bicarb, ginger and cinnamon into a large bowl. Heat the butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved. Leave the sugar mixture to cool slightly, then mix into the dry ingredients to form a dough. Chill the dough in the fridge for 30 mins.

On a surface lightly dusted with flour, roll out the dough to a ¼-inch thickness. Stamp out the gingerbread men shapes with a cutter, then re-roll any off-cuts and repeat. Place your gingerbread shapes on the lined trays, allowing space for them to spread. Cook for 10-15 mins, then remove from the oven and leave to cool.

Please continue to follow the one-way system and keep at least 1 metre apart as we continue to fight Covid-19.

We have a breakfast club, it runs from 7.45am – 8.45am Monday to Friday, so book your place as soon as possible through the office if you would like your child to attend.

Do you have a 3-year-old or know someone with a 3-year-old? Or does your child turn 3 this year? We have spaces in our Nursery. Visit the office for an application form. We look forward to welcoming more children to the Winterbourne family.

Throughout the term, the children will have opportunities for activities such as arts & crafts, cooking etc. We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of these activities. Please send money in a named envelope and give it to the office. Thank you