

RECEPTION



13th December 2024

Literacy

This week, we have been reading 'The Jolly Christmas Postman.' So far, we have opened envelopes from the book that were addressed to Baby Bear, Little Red Riding Hood, Humpty Dumpty, The Gingerbread Boy and the Wolf. The children have been writing their own envelopes for the characters from the story. They have been playing some of the games that were inside the story. The children have also been writing their Christmas lists and the inserts for the Christmas card.

Expressive Arts & Design

This week, the children made their own Christmas cards. They used green strips of card, sequins and glitter. Can you guess what will be on the front of their Christmas card?

Understanding the World (People, Cultures and Communities)

On our Global calendar this week, we opened number 10 and 12. Number 10 was all about Romania and number 12 was all about Bulgaria. We learnt how to say Merry Christmas in these languages, even learning the Makaton signs for 'wish,' 'merry' and 'Christmas.' We also talked about different Christmas traditions. The children shared their Christmas traditions and talked about what they do on Christmas Day.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on the composition of a number. The children have been using counters on ten frames, RekenReks and Numicon to create given amounts in different ways. We used part-whole diagrams to help us to understanding number bonds to 5 and 10 and then looked at number sentences that matched the part-whole diagrams. The children have also been exploring numbers in the environment. They looked at numbers on a weighing scale, on a tape measure and on a thermometer. Lots of children also saved enough money (Dojo points) to buy a prize from our class shop. We always discuss how much change the children will have once they have spent their money. Some children like to know how much more money (Dojos) they will need before they can buy a prize.

Personal, social & emotional development

This week, we have been exploring the word 'unique.' The children have been discussing what makes them unique and special. Children shared some of their best qualities.

Understanding the World (The Natural World)

We have been discussing the signs of Winter. We revisited what we remembered about Autumn and then talked about the changes that have happened to our weather. We explored questions such as, 'What is winter? What types of weather will we see? What does winter look like? What happens to the plants during winter?' The children were able to talk about the types of clothing we need to wear in winter and explain why we need to wear clothes like that.

Reminders & Notices

- After Christmas (week beginning 6th January 2025), we will be starting PE lessons in the large hall. Children can come to school in their PE kit on our PE day (this will be Fridays mornings). The children can wear black joggers/ leggings, a white polo t-shirt and black trainers for PE. Children can still wear their school jumper/ cardigan with their black joggers/ leggings.
- Tuesday 17th December Reception children will be having their height & weight checked in the morning and dental checks in the afternoon
- Christmas dinner will be on Thursday 19th December
- Friday 20th December- Christmas party. Children finish at normal time on this day.

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan