



This week we have finished our topic "Sparkle and shine", looking at the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and the different celebrations that happen in autumn and winter. Discussing how each festival has different types of lights and lamps to help people celebrate, finishing with making our own Diva lamps. The children have particularly liked making 3D firework pictures dropping paint onto glue and salt, adding labels with the sounds they make.

The children have enjoyed learning the story of Goldilocks and the three bears in Talk 4 writing and the actions that go with the story. Goldilocks gobbling down the porridge as quick as she can has caused a lot of laughter.

We have started to learn the songs for our Nativity, and we are sure you will begin to hear them sung around the house in the weeks to come!

In phonics we have continued to look at our phonemes, either recapping some of the sounds to consolidate the learning or beginning to learn some of the digraphs we find at the end of some words (please look at the sheet in their reading diaries).

In Maths we have continued to subitize 1, 2 and 3, looking at the composition of these and comparing the different quantities. The children have done a great job of recognising the amounts without counting and telling us how they know the amount in front of them.

Finally, the children should have come home on Thursday with a sticker giving you access to the Christmas cards they have produced at school. This gives you the opportunity to order Christmas cards and other various items with your child's artwork. Please let us know if it didn't make it home. You should have also received a Parent's Evening form.

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### Next Week:

We will be starting our new topic, "Once upon a time". This project supports children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales including *Cinderella*, *Goldilocks*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

We will also be:

- changing parts of Goldilocks to enable us to write our own versions the following week.
- continue to learn our Nativity songs
- continue to form our letters correctly in handwriting.
- In maths, we will be looking at shapes and their properties, starting with circles and triangles.

### Just a few reminders:

#### PE

PE is still on Wednesday. This week has seen the start of our gymnastics unit and we been looking at different ways of travelling and balancing.

#### Labels

Thank you very much for all the items of clothing that is clearly labelled. We have a box with some unlabelled items if you have lost any items, please feel free to look in the box. If you do lose anything, let us know and we will try and find it for you.

#### Hats, scarves and gloves.

As the weather gets colder a lot of the children are beginning to bring in hats and gloves, please can these be labelled too where possible.

#### Toys

Please leave all toys at home. We are happy for named Rubik's cubes to be brought in.

We would also like to welcome our new member of staff Miss Lana Horsfield who started with us this week. Miss Horsfield will be with us usually on a Monday and Tuesday.

We are always around to answer any questions or queries that you may have.

There are couple of ways that you can contact us:

- Pop over to see us at the end of the day. Once we have dismissed the children safely, we are always available to have a chat.
- Phone the office to make an appointment with any one of us.
- Email the office to make an appointment. The office staff will forward the email to us and we will catch you or give you a ring to arrange a suitable time. [parentscorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk](mailto:parentscorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk)

Please do let us know of any concerns as quickly as possible. We can usually sort things out very quickly if you let us know.

Many thanks The Reception Team (Mrs Gibbens, Mrs Morrell, Miss Horsfield and Mrs Boulton).