



WINHILLS

Reception

Newsletter

Busy learning

Reception spent last week learning about teeth. They looked closely at their own teeth and counted them. They also spent time learning about ways to keep their teeth healthy by practicing their brushing technique on false teeth and learning about foods and drinks that are better for their teeth. Finally, they learnt about a trip to the dentist and why it is good to go.

This week the children have learnt the traditional tale of 'The Gingerbread Man'. They have made gingerbread men craft and painted gingerbread men. Their painting has been excellent as they have been practicing mixing thick paint so there are no drips. To help with their learning next week, the children will build a boat for the gingerbread man to safely cross the river. They have spent this week investigating different materials to see which float and which sink.

Outside, the children have been very active to keep them warm in the cold weather. They have been playing games involving practicing their ball skills and their turn taking and sharing skills. They have really worked hard to improve and keep the chill out!

After the excitement of wishing the Christmas lights on last week, the children have enjoyed a different Christmas activity each day. So far, they have enjoyed making paper chains, taking Christmas selfies, writing Christmas cards, playing pin the nose on Rudolf and decorating a Christmas cupcake.

Mathematics

Last week, the children revisited addition. They found a total of two numbers under ten. They practiced using resources such as bead strings, counters and dice to help them work out the answer. They have also been writing number sentences brilliantly to show what they have found out.

This week, the children have had to finish decorating their gingerbread men with a given number of counters. They have bridged ten with their counting and are working with numbers up to twelve.

English

The children's determination to write has improved greatly over the last two weeks. Last week, they wrote labels to explain how to brush their teeth. They counted the sounds, drew sound buttons and then independently had a go at writing the word—they were amazing! This week, their determination has continued as they have written shopping lists and speech bubbles for the gingerbread man.

In phonics, the children have continued learning their sounds and handwriting practice. They now know all the single sounds in the alphabet. They have been blending words with the known sounds in and have been reading books as a group to practice their skills. They can sound out and blend CVC words with growing independence and confidence. Try making your own at home with the sound cards for your child to practise.

Reminders

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and coat everyday, especially as the weather has turned colder. If your child brings in hats, gloves or a scarf, it really helps us reunite them with you if they are named!

Nurture

Inspire

Flourish