



Just a reminder...

Please do ensure the children have suitable warm clothing for outdoors, especially now the colder weather is here, as the wind has been particularly cold recently. We use the outdoor area not only to develop a range of physical skills, but also quite often for active phonics, word and number learning, along with our normal outdoor playtimes, too. Thank you for your help with this.



Role-Play Area Update

Thank you for your kind words about our Pudding Lane bakery role-play area. The children have really enjoyed using it to link with their topic learning. If you do have any suitable clothes, for example shawls, bonnets, flat caps, waistcoats or maid outfits, please do send them in. Perhaps you have older siblings who have dressed up in Victorian clothes at school, and these items may be suitable for us to borrow? Thank you if you can help with this! This week the children will be making salt dough items of food to use in their bakery, which we are sure they will enjoy doing. Feel free to let us know if you have anything else which you think may be useful. Huge thanks go to Fabian's family for the loan of the scales, the sand timer and relics from English history - the children really enjoyed finding out about them last week, and they give a real sense of history.



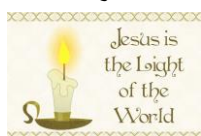
Our Learning this Week

This week we will introduce the sounds of th and ng to our Year R children, for example, in the words this, that, and sing. Please remember to return the Sound Books for all children so that we can get them updated with their next set of letter tiles. We hope you are still finding time to use this resource, as it is a really useful way of building both real and nonsense words. In English lessons this week we will continue to make links with the Great Fire of London, writing both a diary entry as a simple recount of the events, along with a fire report. Year 1 will be encouraged to use descriptive language in their sentences, helping to build confidence with their use of adjectives. In maths we will continue to learn about time, thinking this week about how a clock is used to tell the time in o'clock and half past, and for some children quarter past the hour, too. Year 1 will be matching worded times to pictures of clock faces, along with drawing their own clocks to match given times. Year R will be familiarising themselves with the layout of a clock, and we will also use it in playing "What's the Time, Mr Wolf?" to help with accurate counting of footsteps, too. Feel free to play along at home, or use any new watches the children have recently received to help with telling the time. You may also like to visit:



<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time>

for an online game linked to telling the time. Our Act of Worship theme for this week is thinking about the importance of light for Christians. We will share the story of Jesus in the Temple, and talk about how Christians see Jesus as the light of the world. Plus we will get to learn my favourite hymn - hopefully the children can sing Let it Shine to you by the end of the week! ☺



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