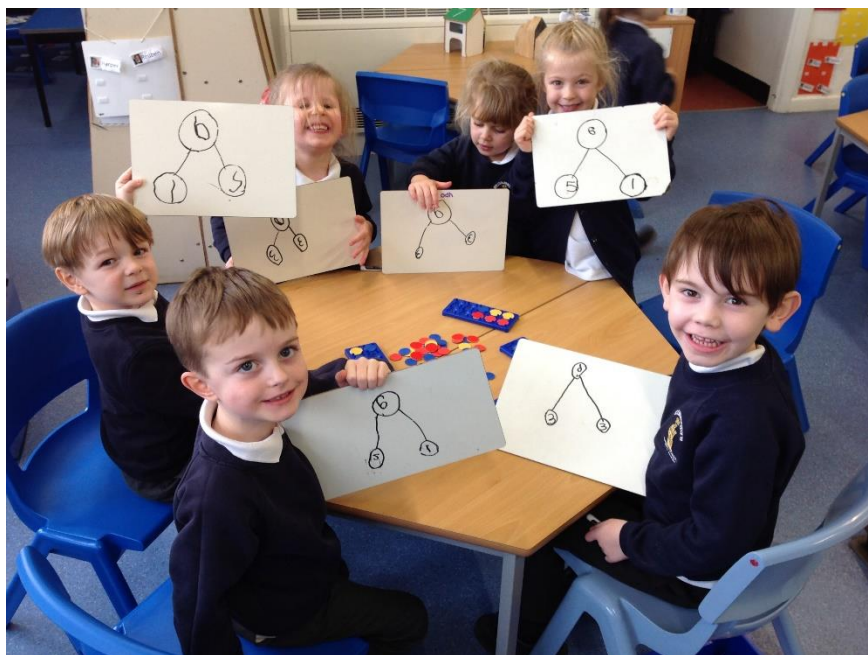


Reception class newsletter

Week ending 3rd February 2023

In maths this week we've started the 'White Rose' spring term 'Growing 6,7,8' topic. We have been exploring the composition of 6, 7 and 8 and we've also introduced the concept of 'pairs'. We have sorted groups of 6, 7 and 8 objects into pairs and we've begun talking about odd and even numbers. We had great fun in the outdoor area role playing the story of 'Noah's ark', pairing up the animals and singing "The animals went in two by two". The children have also enjoyed playing 'pairs' with cards showing numerals and different representations of numbers. This really tested their memory skills!



Phonics work has been one of our main priorities as always. We've focused on the sounds 'y' as in yoyo and 'z' as in zip. The words on the phonics sheets which we send home are good ones to practise blending with your child. Don't worry if your child can't blend all of the words yet. The ones in the bottom row of the sheet are usually very challenging and lots of the children need support to read these. The cumulative texts which we send home are also really good practice. Some of them are rather tricky but all of the words contain sounds which we've covered in class.

We're still working on our RE topic 'Celebrating' this week. We read the story about Mary and Joseph presenting baby Jesus at the temple and meeting Anna and Simeon there. The children enjoyed making candles and discussed what Simeon meant when he said that Jesus was the light of the world.



The children have made some super story maps this week, telling their own alternative versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We've had some rather gory versions with very fierce wolves but also some very kind and friendly wolves who helped Grandma to do the hoovering! The children have had lots of fun sharing their stories and listening to each other's ideas.

It's been another happy, busy week in the Reception class. Don't forget, the Reception team are always on hand if you have any questions or concerns. Have a lovely weekend everyone!