



Heyhouses Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 5



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This Week

Our focus text was Shu Lin's Grandpa by Matt Goodfellow. Shu Lin has just started at a new school. She stands alone in the playground and at lunchtime she eats by herself from little boxes of brightly coloured food. But when Shu Lin's grandpa comes to school and shows the class his amazing Chinese paintings, everything changes. This uplifting story shows the transformative power of art and imagination in developing cultural understanding and empathy. This led us to look at China on the world map as well learning about The Great Wall of China and Chinese New Year.

In preparation for our Nativity performance, we also looked at where The Holy Land is on the world map and compared the little town of Bethlehem then to where we live now. The children have been singing our Nativity songs at every opportunity- we can't wait to perform for you next week!

Phonics

This week's sounds are:



sh- the shabby ship shook

th- they were thirsty

ng - ping pong

nk - oooh! a pink sink

Maths

Focus: Composition

This week's activities built on the children's understanding of the composition of 5 and involved investigating part-part-whole relations e.g seeing that 5 can be composed of 1 and 4, 2 and 3 or 5 and 0.

Home challenge:

Sing 5 Little Speckled Frogs and 5 Currant Buns in the baker's shop, using fingers to show how many are left each time.

Notices

Please wear uniform on Thursday 4th December rather than PE kits due to the Nativity performance.

Home Challenge

Now that it is getting colder outside, please help your child to master zipping up their own coat and putting on gloves. This will make getting ready to go outside much quicker for everybody! We already have lots of unnamed woolly hats and gloves coming into school so please name everything to ensure they find their way back to their owner.

