



Heyhouses Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 4



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This Week

This week our focus text was, 'Standing Up To Racism' by Dr Pragya Agarwal. This book discusses how we are all different and that is what makes us special. We all have different hair colour, eye colour, we like different foods, we don't all sound the same and we have different skin colour. Sometimes people aren't very kind to each other about their differences. This book taught us about something called racism and helped us to understand why racism is not ok. Some key vocabulary we have learnt whilst reading this text are; melanin, racism, unfairness, tease, heritage, proud, equal and inequality. Following this book we have been having discussions about the children's own heritage e.g. customs, traditions, food, clothes, festivals etc. Please talk to your child about their heritage. Feel free to share any of your discussions/photos via Evidence me.

We are exploring The Nativity story with the children, ensuring that they know that Christmas is important to Christians as it is the celebration of Jesus' birth. Rehearsals for our Nativity Performance are going well and the children are enjoying learning the songs. We have sent home the words for 'Away in a manger' for you to practice at home.

The children are enjoying our weekly Drawing Club, this week the 'hook' for drawing a monster was the classic children's story 'Not Now, Bernard!' We had some amazing illustrations of some marvellous monsters and some great ideas about what could happen to the monster when we write our 'codes'!

Phonics

This week's sounds are:



y - yacht - under the hull and down to the anchor

z - zigzag - zig and zag

zz - two zigzags - a zigzag duet

qu- quill - around the feather and down the pen

ch - chew the chunky chips

Maths

Focus: Composition of 4

Clap your hands up to 4 times. Ask your child to identify if they heard 1,2,3, or 4 claps.

Use fingers on both hands to show different ways to make 4. How can you record this?

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th November – PTA Non-Uniform Day in return for a raffle prize. This can be one of the following: Chocolates, biscuits, bottles, toiletries or unopened gift sets.

Monday 1st December – Sycamore Nativity ~ **Wednesday 3rd December** – Blossom Nativity ~ **Thursday 4th December** – Oak Nativity.

Friday 12th December - Elf Dash and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December – Reception Christmas Party Day – children can wear party clothes. Party food provided by school.

