



# Heyhouses Reception Newsletter



## Spring Term 1 Week 1

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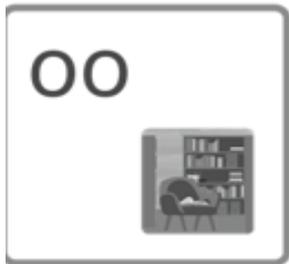
### This Week

It has been lovely to catch up with all the children following the Christmas Break. They have enjoyed telling us all about their Christmas holidays and we have loved hearing about how different families have celebrated Christmas and New Year together. Thank you for the photographs we received. They were fabulous to look at!

This week, we read *The Gingerbread Man*. The children made story maps and created their own Gingerbread characters using ginger scented dough as well as using creative materials. We also tested Gingerbread Men biscuits in a science experiment to see what happened when we put one in oil, one in water and one in juice. The children made predictions and discussed what they observed and how each Gingerbread Man was changed by the different liquids.

### Phonics

This has mainly been a review week to ensure the children are familiar with all the sounds learnt so far and to practise applying their phonic skills in reading and writing activities.



oo- a book nook

### Maths

The children have been getting to know the numbers six, seven and eight this week. They have been practicing counting items, touching them 1:1, and counting objects that cannot be moved knowing the stopping number gives the value. They have been practicing recognising numerals to 8, subitising to 8 and matching numerals with a number of items to 8. They have been identifying groups of six, seven and eight within larger arrangements, showing the numbers in another way and exploring 1 more.

### Home challenge

Explore the numbers 6, 7 and 8 using everyday items at home e.g. build a tower with Lego to make it 6, 7 or 8 blocks high, finding 1 more/1 less than 6/7/8.

Stay and Play dates for this Term. More details to follow in a separate letter:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.



### Home Challenge



Please help your child to learn how to fasten up their own coat and put on their own hat, scarf and gloves. This will make getting outside in the cold weather a lot quicker for everyone!

