

## Year 2 Update

R.E

In R.E lessons this week the children have been learning about Judaism. They have learned that Saturday is a special day for Jewish people, this is called Shabbat. The children have recreated their own Shabbat meal by baking some Challah bread and writing their own blessings.

**Key vocabulary:** Judaism, Shabbat, Challah bread

Next week the children will be starting a new topic called 'Thanksgiving' we will be discussing with them times they have received and given thanks.

English

The children have planned and started to write an alternative version of the fairy tale 'The three billy goats gruff'. They have changed the characters and setting but kept the original plot the same. Within their writing the children have been reflecting on the reader and thinking about how to make their story exciting. The children have been encouraged to use a variety of sentence openers and explore different vocabulary.

**Key vocabulary:** fairy tale, character, plot, adjectives, sentence openers.

Next week the children will be continuing with their story writing.

Maths

In Maths we have introduced the children to the column method when adding two digit numbers. The children have practised lining up the tens and ones, and remembering to add the ones first. E.g.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23+31= \\ + \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 5 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 33+28= \\ + \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 6 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

**Key vocabulary:** addition, add, plus, total, increase, altogether, more

Next week the children will be using the column method to subtract two digit numbers.

Geography

The children have been locating Antarctica on a map and have learned that Antarctica is a desert because it is so dry. The children have thought about how penguins have adapted to living in their habitat, for example webbed feet to help them balance on the snow.

Key vocabulary: continent, Antarctica, adapt

Next week we will be comparing Antarctica with the Sahara desert.

Extra information:

-Last week the children completed maths assessments based on what was covered in the Autumn term. Please find the results of these tests inside children's reading records.

-Please note that the children in Megan's phonics group do not need to return the comprehension task. Please can reading records be signed each time your child has read their free reader book.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amy and Megan ☺



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