

What we wanted to learn	What we did	What I could do at home to help me with my learning
Literacy We wanted to practise our phonics. We wanted to learn about characters and settings in a story.	We have been reviewing all the sounds we learnt in the Autumn Term and writing lots of words using our spelling sequence. We have been learning the sounds oo. This week we have learnt the short sound - oo 'book nook' We couldn't believe our eyes when we spotted that a gingerbread man had been running around in our classrooms! We wrote letters to him and created wanted posters to try to find him again! We used the story 'The Gingerbread Man' as our first Drawing Club text.	I could use my robot arms and blending hands to blend the sounds in book, look, cook, wood, looking and wooden. I could use my spelling sequence to write the words: sleet, boats, snail and moss. I could write a note to the gingerbread man to find out a bit more about him. I could talk to you about the vocabulary that we learnt this week - leap, accelerate, pursue, block, cunning, soggy, mocking and disappointed. I could draw a gingerbread man and write a word or caption to go with it.
Mathematics We have been learning to subitise.	We used our subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements, focussing on standard dice arrangements. For larger quantities, we began to use skills of conceptual subitising, beginning to quickly see the sub-groups within these larger numbers. A key focus was on developing skills of visualising; we were encouraged to look carefully at arrangements of dots and then closed our eyes and explained what we saw. We used a number track (with numbers placed in equal spaces in ascending order) to play dice-based games.	You could show me a pattern on a dice, ask me to close my eyes and describe what I could see. I could play a track game such as Snakes and Ladders with you at home.
Other subjects	We have enjoyed settling back into school and talking to our friends and adults about our Christmas and New Year!	

Other news:

Please remember to send in a photo of your house or upload one on Tapestry for our art work next week. Thank you!
 Have a great weekend! The Reception Team.