

# Mice Class Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### What have the Mice been up to this week?

#### Literacy

This week in English our traditional tale was 'The Gingerbread Man'. We also read the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have created some wonderful gingerbread men during 'funky fingers' time. We drew patterns on them, then cut them out, ready to go up on the wall. We have also practised writing captions, using our phonic knowledge to segment words.

#### Maths

In maths this week we have continued our work on numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have looked at different ways to represent these numbers (using our fingers, objects, the numeral, dots on a tens frame and with numicon). We have also sorted pictures and objects into groups of 6, 7 and 8. We used the numicon to begin to get an understand of even and odd numbers. The even numicon pieces have a straight edge and the odd numbers have an odd piece sticking up!

#### Phonics

In phonics this week, we have been focusing on longer words. We have been practising a skill called "chunking it up". This is where we cover the end of the word, then sound and blend the first half. Then we cover the part we have read and read the second half of the word. We have also been reading and writing compound words e.g. bedroom... bedroom. Car-park... carpark. Lap-top... laptop.

### Our Core Concept this term is... Perception and Empathy

**Other learning this week...** In busy time this week, we have built some really incredible bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff using the wooden blocks. We have enjoyed painting and colouring this week and we have made some beautiful sparkly love hearts for our hall display. We have also very much enjoyed icing our own gingerbread men to take home. Mice class did a wonderful job at decorating them! In worship and RE, we learnt about Jesus' miracles of healing others. In PE, we have been working on our gymnastics skills and during our outdoor learning time, we have very much enjoyed splashing in puddles, playing on the bikes and trikes and playing throw and catch. Next week on welly Wednesday, Russell is planning a wonderful end of term treat of toasting marshmallows.



#### Celebrations

For our 'Work on the Wall' this week, we are celebrating **Robyn and Freddie** for their fantastic home learning. I love to see photos of your learning at home! Thank you for sharing them! Freddie has grown cress and his own beanstalk. Robyn has been baking gingerbread and building bridges for the three Billy Goats Gruff. Well done both of you!

Our **Headteacher's Award** goes to **Ellie** this week for always being kind and compassionate to others. Well done Ellie! You make such a wonderful friend!

#### Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

**Last day of term-** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March-** A visit from an author for book week!

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March-** World Book Day (more details to follow).