

In Reception this week...



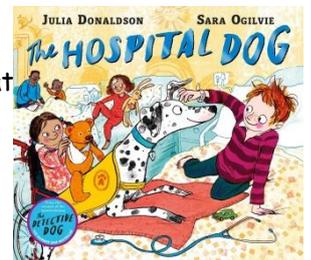
Firstly, many thanks for your Christmas cards, gifts and messages, we are all very grateful. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year!

It has been lovely to see the children back in school and we have enjoyed hearing about their wonderful Christmas presents.

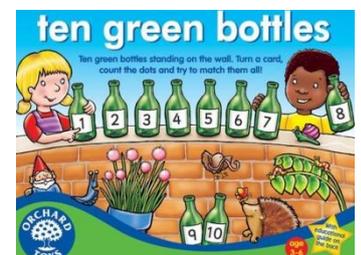
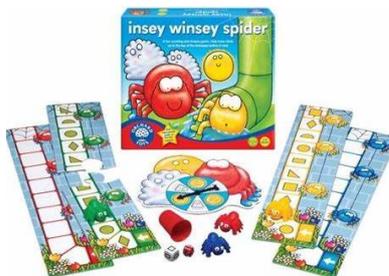
Focus of the Week

This week we have launched our new book - The Hospital Dog. We have enjoyed reading the book and sharing what we like about it. We have been learning about different breeds of dog and know that Dot, the main character, is a dalmatian. We have watched the author Julia Donaldson read the book to us and Sara the illustrator giving us a step by step guide to drawing Dot. We had a go at drawing Dot ourselves. We have also begun labelling pictures from the book this week.

In the story, there is a little boy Joe, who is deaf. We have been learning about what this means and have learnt two ways of communicating with someone who is deaf using sign language. Each week, we are going to be learning some sign language.



In Maths we have really enjoyed playing different games together either with a partner or in small groups. Here are some of our favourites....



We have been learning about what New Year Resolutions are and have made our own.

Every Wednesday afternoon, we are going to be taking part in Forest Activities in our nature area. This half term, our theme is birds. As a class we have signed up with the RSPB to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. If you would like to find out more information, here is the link. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

This week we have been learning the names of different types of birds. We have been learning about robins and blue tits.

For homework, please see the letter including your child's purple mash login.

Just a reminder that our PE day has now changed to Thursdays.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team