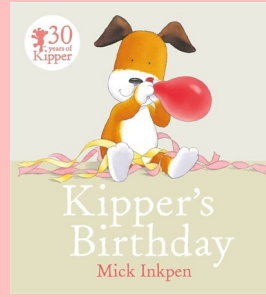


RE week

We started off the week thinking about birthdays using the story of 'Kipper's birthday' by Mick Inkpen to help us discuss how we might celebrate them. The children helped to create a mindmap to collect their ideas. In the classroom, they had a go at setting out a party in the role play area, writing invitations, and making cards for Kipper. They used the playdough to make cakes and added the correct number of candles.



Later in the week we used our information about birthdays to think about Christmas and how this is a celebration of Jesus' birthday. We explored different ways people celebrate Christmas, including Christians. We looked at photos of churches and discussed that people may visit churches at this time. The children created their own nativity scenes using their cutting and sticking skills too.



Home challenge: Think about how you and your family celebrate this special time of year?



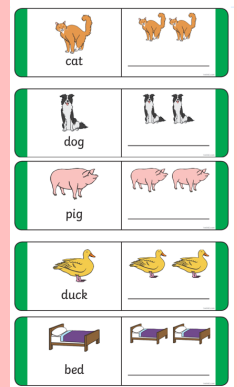
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Phonics

This week we have explored words ending in -s. Sometimes they make the 's' sound such as in 'ducks', but sometimes they make a 'z' sound such as in 'bags'. When sounding out these words, we firstly cover the 's' at the end and blend the rest of the word. We then add the 's' on the end, deciding whether it is making a 's/z' sound. For example, duck-s, bag-s.

Home challenge: Have a go at changing the pictures into plurals by adding the 's' at the end. Then have a go at sounding it out, does it make a 's' or 'z' sound?



Nativity practise



The children have been working really hard this week to put our story into actions on the stage this week. We have combined songs, lines and movement. Pre-school even joined us too to help us tell our special story.

Thank you for sending in costume clothing this week!

Home challenge: Practise your speaking parts over the weekend, ready for our dress rehearsal on Monday. Remember to speak clearly and loud enough for people to hear. You could try standing at the top of the stairs and seeing if your family can hear you at the bottom.

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry.