



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Reception Newsletter

Important Notes:

- Please make sure all hats, gloves and coats are labeled.
- In class the students have been loving using recyclable materials for craft activities. At home if you have any empty and clean recyclables (such as cereal boxes, milk bottles or yoghurt containers) that you are willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Homework:

- Listen to your child read their home reader.
- Go on a tricky word hunt through story books and magazines. See how many tricky words you can find.
- With your child have a go at adding small collections together. For example, I have 3 blocks and you have 2 blocks. How many do we have all together?

This week in Reception:

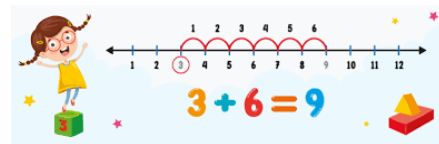
- We learnt about Chinese New Year.
- The students used collage materials to make a paper lantern.
- In Religion, we learnt about The Feeding of the 5000. As a class we discussed how Jesus might have shared the food among the people. After we had a go at sharing a loaf of bread between us.
- We practiced our fine motor skills by making paper fans.
- We practiced our balls skills through rolling and throwing a tennis ball to a partner.



Mathematics:

Addition

- This week we have been learning about addition.
- We have been working hard to add two collections together.
- We learn how to use different methods to help us solve an addition sum. These were as, a number line and counters.
- We have been working hard to learn addition vocabulary, such as altogether, plus and equals.



Literacy:

- **Phonics** - This week we have been using the sounds we have learnt to read, make and write short words.
- This week we read the book 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.
- We discussed the setting in the story and the students wrote a sentence about where the boy found his star.
- We continued to practice identifying the tricky words; the, to, no, go, I and into.

