



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Reception Newsletter

Important Notes:

- If your child has borrowed any spare pants or underwear from school could you please return them.
- Please make sure all hats, gloves and coats are labeled.
- If your child does not have a spare change of clothes at school could you please bring some in, so they are available if their uniform gets messy or wet.

Homework:

- Read a story book to your child.
- Go for a shape hunt around the house. See how many cubes, spheres, cylinder and cones you can find.
- Help your child have a go at writing down the shapes that you find on your shape hunt.
- Take turns giving each other instructions using positional language. For example, stand behind the teddy or walk between the chairs.

This week in Reception:

- This week we have been practicing our under-arm throw.
- We continued our discussion about animals that hibernate and talked about where animals like to hibernate during the winter months.
- We spoke about how it is getting colder and how we need to keep warm.
- The students painted a picture of something they like to wear during autumn and winter to keep them warm.



Mathematics:

Measurement

- This week we looked at 3D shapes and positional language.
- We discussed which shapes have vertices and which shapes don't.
- We made party hats and talked about how they are a cone shape and have one vertex.
- The class explored the classroom to see if we could find any object that match 3D shapes.
- We explored positional language such as on top, under, behind and in front.



Cube



Sphere



Cone

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 story *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.
- The student had a go at writing about what they would do if they met a Gruffalo.
- We talked about how the character might have felt (scared) and if we have ever felt scared.



