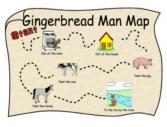




Dear Parents and Guardians,

Friday 22nd September 2023



We have been having lots of fun introducing our anchor text for this half term; the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. We drew simple maps conveying the gingerbread man's journey. We focused on developing our positional language, using phrases such as 'in front of' and 'next to', as we considered the different places the gingerbread man could have hidden on his journey to the river.

Our maths lessons have begun with a focus on our number of the week. We begin with the number three, exploring the two and one within three. Through our number of the week, we are developing our subitising skills, that is, our ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are. You can support your child to develop their subitising skills through playing games such as 'Three or Not Three'. Draw your child's attention to any group of objects e.g. fruit in a bowl and simply ask 'Is it

three or not three? And 'How do you know?'



As part of developing our understanding of the world around us, we will be observing seasonal changes throughout the year. With a view to supporting our children to use their senses to experience the different seasons, we are stocking our mud kitchen with autumnal objects such as leaves, twigs, pine cones, acorns and conkers. When you are out walking with your child, look out for signs of autumn and if you find autumnal objects, your child could bring them to school to show the class.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Bell Miss Murphy