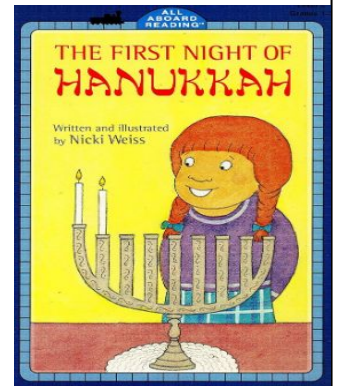


# Peek at the Week

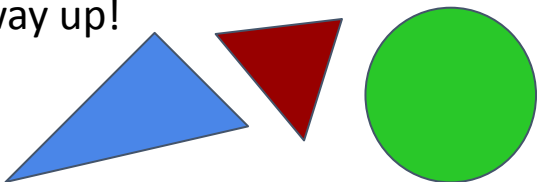


## Hanukkah

This week we have learnt about the Jewish festival Hanukkah and we have read the story 'The First Night of Hanukkah'. We heard how, long ago, after a wicked King had destroyed their temple, some brave men fought off the King's men and set about cleaning up their temple. They went to light the 7 branched candlestick, which was supposed to burn every day in the temple, but there was only a small amount of oil left, enough for just one day. They lit it and a rider went on a long journey to get some more. After riding for four days there and four days back, a miracle happened. The oil had not gone out after one day. It carried on burning for eight days. So every Hanukkah, Jews celebrate their victory by lighting a Hanukkiah - an eight branched candlestick, and by eating food cooked in oil, like donuts and potato pancakes. We also learnt a song called One Little Candle, which the children will sing in assembly next week, wearing candle flame hats that they have made.



We have also been practising writing short words, using the sounds we are learning. In Maths we have been finding circles and triangles and have begun to describe both shapes using mathematical language, such as, the line around a circle is called a circumference and a triangle has three sides and three angles. We also found out that a triangle does not have to sit on a side, to be a triangle. It can be any way up!



Can you go on a shape hunt around your house? We would love to see photos of what you find.

On Friday we were very lucky to meet a couple of Christmas Donkeys. We learnt that donkeys originally lived in deserts can you find out which deserts donkeys come from?

## Please Read Every Night

Please remember to read every night to receive **2 stickers** a week. One sticker is for reading every day and the second sticker is for bringing their book and Reading Record into school. Children who read a little bit every day make the most progress.



## Our Christmas Nativity

We are sure that the children have probably started singing their new Nativity songs at home already. They are so good at the Makaton actions already and often remind the teachers how to do them properly.

**If your child has a line to learn, please practise it at home. We do not have long and the children need to know their lines as we will be practising in the hall next week!**



## Independence

Can you please help your child to do their coat up independently. Some children can, and sometimes they help each other, but it is a skill we would like to work on, especially considering just how cold it is at the moment.



## Important Dates

**FODS Christmas Fair: Saturday 2nd December 12pm-3pm**

**Nativity Costumes: Wednesday 6th December** - Please bring in your child's costume by this date.

**Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 13th December** - On this day, the children may wear Christmas jumpers and Christmas hats, that they can make at home.

**Nursery and Reception Nativity: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**Last Day of Term: Thursday 21st December.** The children finish at **1:30pm**

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Please share these photographs with your children and encourage them to tell you what they have learnt this week.

