



Date: 27/6/26

Theme: Granny went to market continued!

A Magic Carpet ride

This week, Granny's magic carpet has whisked us away to Africa, Russia, Australia, Japan, and Peru, exploring new cultures and traditions along the way.

In Africa, we discovered traditional African drums called *djembe*. We learned how to create different sounds and rhythms, and had so much fun making up our own dance moves to the music! We also imagined going on a safari and talked about the amazing animals we might see.

While in Russia, we explored the country's cold climate and discussed where it is in relation to the equator. We had fun looking at Russian nesting dolls, ordering them by size, and designing our own colourful versions.

In Australia, we met kangaroos and talked about the differences between animals living in the wild and those in zoos. We also learned about boomerangs and got creative making our own and decorating them.

Our next stop was Japan, where we were amazed by the giant kites flown at traditional kite festivals. We made our own kites and had a great time flying them using the classroom fan.

It's been a week full of music, art, animals, and imagination as we completed our magical adventure with Granny.

Forest School

After exploring the patterns carved into a selection of African drums, we tried our own hand at carving (whittling) during Forest School. We each took turns to choose a special stick and used vegetable peelers to carefully shape the wood, while also learning how to work safely.

Forgiving Our Sins

This week in RE, we explored the story of Zacchaeus from *Luke 19:1-10*. We learned that Jesus was a bit like a celebrity. Wherever He went, crowds gathered because everyone wanted to see Him.

In the story, many people were surprised that Jesus chose to spend time with Zacchaeus, a man who had done wrong by others. The crowd believed Jesus should only be friends with good people. But Jesus showed that everyone deserves forgiveness. He forgave Zacchaeus for his sins, and Zacchaeus promised to make things right.

We reflected on this message by thinking about times when we have forgiven others, such as our friends or family, and how that made us feel. We talked about how forgiveness is an important part of love and friendship.

Phonics: This week, we have been busy learning the sounds **wh**, **ph**, **ew**, and **oe**. The children have enjoyed spotting these sounds in words and practising them in their reading and writing. We also focused on some *harder to read and spell words*:
your, **ask**, and **should**.

Learning Journal Task

This week I would like you to:

Have a go at making number bonds to 10 using the sheet provided.

Can you draw pictures to show the number bonds eg 3 bottles standing and 7 laying down?

Can you write the number bonds as number sentences eg $3 + 7 = 10$?

Reminders

- **Swimming days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week.**
- Although we have no set PE days until the end of year, we may still venture onto the field. Please continue to send your child's PE kit into school.
- Please remember to send in a coat and sun hat **everyday**.

Dates for your diary

- 3rd July—INSET day
- 16th July—Pirate Day (Get your costumes ready).
- 14th July—Open classroom. This is an opportunity to come and see your child's work and meet their new teacher.