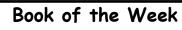


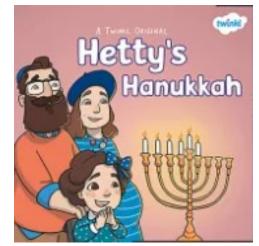
# Welcome to the Reception Newsletter

# Friday 7th December 2023

What a week of learning something new about how people in our community celebrate Hanukkah.

#### **Round Hill Primary School**





Hetty's Hanukkah is a picture book about one family's experience of Hanukkah that you could use to introduce the Jewish holiday. The book features many rituals and traditions as they observe the eight days of Hanukkah, such as the hanukkiah, shamash, dreidel, chocolate gelt, and latkes.

# <u>Maths</u>

This week we have been using our understanding of sequencing to talk about the times or day and sequence of our daily routine before school, during school and after school. Children have been using the vocabulary: time, morning, afternoon and evening. We have also looked at the days of the week, looking at week days and the weekend.

Next week we will be exploring the composition of numbers to 5 and will start to unpick different ways to make the number.

# <u>Literacy</u>

This week we have focused on listening attentively to the story 'Hetty's Hanukkah' and following the story using actions and making comments. We have moved onto recall key events from the story and have started to order the events to retell the story.

### **Phonics**

This week we have been revising the phonemes d, g, o and c practising our blending and segmenting skills when reading and writing. <u>Tricky</u> <u>words</u> into we be

#### <u>Understanding the World, Expressive Arts</u> <u>and Design and Physical Development</u>

Using our book of the week, we have been exploring how people within our communities celebrate Hanukkah. We have had a go at making Latkes, played games of Dreidel and spoken about the Menorah candles. We were fortunate enough to have Frank's mum come into school for the afternoon to share the story about the ever lasting candle and share reasons why people eat food like doughnuts and Latkes during Hanukkah as well as introduce us to the game of Dreidel.

#### <u>Next Week</u>



As Christmas starts to approach us; we start to focus on the naughty elf that has come to visit us from the North Pole. I wonder what he will get up to next week? We will also be focusing on our Christmas nativity with a dress rehearsal to the school in preparation for the big day.