

# **This week in Reception**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**This week our learning has focused on music and musicians.**



In phonics this week we have continued to revise all previously taught sounds, tricky words and have introduced the words 'said' and 'so'. We have also started extending the number of sounds in words we are reading and writing by adding extra consonants at the ends of words. So we sound out and blend, for example t-e-n ten, then add a final 't' ten-t ... tent!



We have been learning how to count back to solve simple subtraction problems. We have first practised counting backwards, as this is a very important skill, especially for this strategy. We have looked at the minus sign, compared it to a plus sign and talked about the different words that we use for taking away. The children have then calculated simple subtraction problems, and have seen how this can be recorded in a number sentence.



## **Other Areas of Learning**

It has been an exciting musical week this week!!

We have had a 'zoom visit' from a pianist and composer, who showed us on his piano how songs we know can be changed. He played Nursery rhymes in the styles of different composers, in different dance styles, and also with happy, sad and 'crazy' tones!! The children thought of some excellent ways to describe the music they heard.

We had another visitor on zoom – Mrs Emslie's sister Jane had us all singing along with her ukulele. She also showed us how she could play in different ways, plucking and strumming, and playing at different pitches.

Our final visitor of the week was Sara's daddy, Adam, who showed us how he can play electric guitar. He showed us how different electronic effects could change the sound of his instrument.

We have also listened to lots of stories about musicians, instruments, orchestras and conductors.