

What is happening in Reception this week?

7th December 2020

Literacy



We are starting to think about Christmas this week so will be reading the Jolly Christmas Postman. He delivers cards, letters and other things to different characters from fairy stories. We will be doing a story map of his journey and trying to retell it. We will continue to learn our sounds and blending in phonics each day and will practise letter formation of h, b, e, s, a, d, g, q, k and w.

Maths



We have been revising our numbers to 10 and will continue this again during the week. We are mastering counting objects accurately and continuing to develop our understanding of more and less. We will continue to explore combining groups with a focus on ways to make 10, e.g. 6 and 4.

Messages

This week we are starting our rehearsals for our Nativity. We have learned the songs so now we are practising when we have to move around too. During the week, we will try on our costumes and have our photograph taken in the classroom while wearing it. The children will bring home a copy for you at Christmas. We will share the Nativity with you, just like we did with the harvest songs. We have costumes at school so you don't need to provide anything for this.



Topic

This week, in our 'Autumn at School' topic, we are thinking about Christmas. We decorated the classroom on Friday last week and will continue to explore Christmas themed activities this week. We will be learning about the Christmas story and the traditions of Christmas. We will start making our Christmas cards and getting our costumes ready for our Nativity play.

How can you help at home?

Please keep practising sounds every day, even if your child is now reading words. If you are sent links to the sounds they are learning, please watch these with your child. Keep practising oral blending 'Fred Talk' with them. Say any 3-sound words like h-a-t for hat and b-e-d for bed. Help them to make the connection between the sounds and the words. The easier this becomes, the easier reading will become. We are asking all parents to keep a record of the reading you are doing with your child in their diaries, if you are not already doing this. Could you please note when you have practised sounds with them, when you have listened to them reading words or books and when you have read to them, shared stories with them. We will aim to look at the diaries once a week so we can see the reading your child is doing at home. As always, please practise reading numbers and counting with your child and do practical maths, like cooking, with them whenever you can. Encourage them to draw, write and colour to develop their fine motor skills and strengthen their understanding by doing a few home challenges each week.

IMPORTANT

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please call or email the school office. Either myself or Miss Kriketou will contact you back. Have a lovely week!