

What is happening in Reception this week?

14th December 2020

Literacy



We are continuing to think about Christmas this week and will be reading 'The Christmas Story'. We will be linking it to our Nativity in which we tell the story. Later in the week, we will be reading 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. We will do phonics on Monday and Tuesday this week to practise reading and writing our sounds. We will also write our Christmas cards this week.

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.



Topic

This week, we are still thinking about Christmas. The children are getting very excited and we are busy practising our Nativity. We are planning to film this on Wednesday morning and will let you know as soon as this is available for you to watch. We are finishing off our Christmas cards and the children will bring these home at the end of the week.

Messages



As school is finishing on Thursday, we will be sending home PE kits at the beginning of the week for you to wash over the holidays. Could you please check this all still fits them and check names are still clearly written in them. Could PE kits be returned the first week back for all pupils please, ready for PE on the first Friday back. If there is something missing, please let us know so we can try and find it. If there is something that doesn't belong to your child in their bag, please return it to school so we can find the right owner.

How can you help at home?

Please keep practising sounds with your children over the holidays. They can quickly forget things if they are not using them regularly. Please read lots of Christmas stories to them and share their enjoyment of these stories by talking to them about the stories you have read. Many of our children are now able to orally blend but please keep giving them sounds to blend together. When they can do words like h-a-t start using special friends like ch-i-p, m-o-th or p-l-ay. You could also challenge them more with 4 sounds like s-t-o-p and f-l-a-t. The easier this becomes, the easier reading will become. If you are sent links to the sounds they are learning, please watch these with your child. Please develop fine motor control by colouring, drawing or writing. Whiteboards and chalkboards are always helpful to use at home, not just pencils and pens. As always, please practise reading numbers and counting with your child and do practical maths, like cooking, with them whenever you can.

All the staff wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Your children have worked so hard and have come such a long way since September. If you have any comments, please call or email the school office. Either myself or Miss Kriketou will contact you back.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!