

What is happening in Reception ?

December 2021

Literacy



We have been reading a new story "The Story of Christmas" and the 'Jolly Christmas Postman'. During phonics we have been revising the sounds we have learned as it is really important we can read our sounds quickly. We have practiced our oral blending and spelling words using our sounds and our Fred fingers.



Maths



Over the last two weeks of this term we have been revising all numbers 1-10. We have ordered numbers 1-10 and have worked on following patterns.



Topic

This week we will be focusing on special times/events linked to Christmas. We will link it to our special Christmas lunch and how we celebrate Christmas here at school. Also, we will link it with our very special event, our very first Nativity performance. We have also talked about how people celebrate different festivals, for example, Jewish people will celebrate the festival of Light "Hanukkah".



Messages

Thank you for your support throughout this term. We have all worked together for the best outcomes of our students and we are delighted with the progress of your children. They have worked tirelessly day by day coming to school and trying their very best. We couldn't be more proud of each one. Please continue helping your children with their counting and recognising numbers 1-10, and also revising the sounds over the Christmas holidays.

We wish you a Happy Christmas. Stay safe and we will see you all in the New Year.



How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for their phonics. Some children have many gaps in their sounds that need to be learned as quickly as possible. Some children find it difficult to remember them and need your help. Please help your child by practising them daily. You can use the videos to help you! Please remember to record this reading of sounds in their diary. Please practise forming the sounds and provide plenty of opportunities for your child to develop their pencil control with colouring books, white boards, drawing, painting with a brush, etc. Also please practise orally blending sounds into words. Say some 3-sound words for your child to orally blend. This is words like c-a-p for cap and d-i-g for dig (see Fred Games links). Each week, on a Friday, the children will be able to select a book from class to bring home for you to read with them. They should return the book by the following Friday so they can select a new one to take home. Please talk to your child about anything and everything to develop their oral skills and extend vocabulary. This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week): **Christmas, celebrated, different, special times, card, stamp, envelope, postman, post, recipe**, please talk about these words with your child.

Please see Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York if you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to us. Have a lovely week!