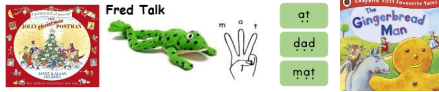


What is happening in Reception for the next few weeks?

4th December 2023

Literacy



We will be learning to retell our own version of the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will also be reading some stories about Christmas, including 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and 'The Littlest Christmas Tree'. We will talk about the settings, characters and their feelings.

In phonics, some of us are practising single sounds and some of us are learning special friends like th, sh and ch. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing our first names correctly and writing some CVC words using our sounds. Some of us are writing phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



In Maths, we will continue to revise all our numbers to 10. We will count up to 10 objects, actions and sounds, and make numbers in different ways. We will explore how numbers can be split, e.g. 6 can be 5 and 1 or 3 and 3. We will look at repeating patterns with shapes and try to make our own. We will try and recognise a pattern and continue it, noticing when it is incorrect. We will also explore weighing things finding heavier and lighter.

Topic



We are continuing our topic with a focus on '**special times**'. This time of year many people celebrate Christmas. We will look at images of Christmas now and in the past and talk about what we see that is the same and different. We will also look at images of Christmas in different places in the world and talk about what we see. We will listen to and learn the Christmas Story which we will be performing in 'Our First Nativity'. We will be making a Christmas card and a 'Gingerbread Man'. We will also look at Hannukah which is a special time for Jewish people. We will listen to a story about it and make a menorah with fruit.

Messages

We are preparing for 'Our First Nativity' and look forward to performing to you on Tuesday 12th December at 2.00pm. Please remember to book your seats. We are also hoping to be able to film a dress rehearsal for you to watch at home and share with relatives. Please indicate this on the form.

The Christmas week is a busy week and we will be having our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 13th December.

We will be having a Christmas activity afternoon on Wednesday 13th December when the children will enjoy Christmas songs, dancing, colouring and crafts. We will not be having any party snacks or treats as it is the same day as the school Christmas lunch so we will all be quite full up! Children do not need to bring anything extra into school on the day.

The days are getting colder now so please send your child to school with a warm coat, ideally with a hood, a warm hat and gloves. These should all be named. We do outdoor learning everyday so the children will need suitable clothing for learning outside.

How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for phonics according to their stage of reading. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds and really need your help to practise them at home. Other children know quite a lot with just a few gaps but cannot yet orally blend. These children need help to practise their Fred Talk games at home (please see the links). Other children know most of their sounds and can orally blend. These children are just starting to read words and need to practise reading the words they are sent home. All children need to keep practising their sounds and orally blending.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! From this week, the children will be able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday so they can select a new one.

You can support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.



Our Learning

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.

We hope you all have a lovely week!