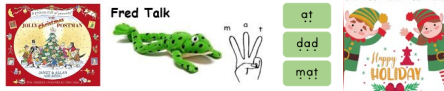


What is happening in Reception this week?

16th December 2024

Literacy



We have been reading and listening to a new story all about "The story of Christmas" We have also been reading other 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



This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that underline the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are altogether. They will reinforce their understanding of cardinality – that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether in a set of objects – and they will further practise their 1:1 correspondence skill, by counting numbers at the same time as moving or tagging objects.

Topic



We are continuing our topic with a focus on '**special times**'. This week we will be focusing on special times and events linked to Christmas. We will link it to our special Christmas lunch here at school and how we celebrate Christmas at school. Also we will link with our very special event our very first Nativity performance. We will also talk about how people celebrate different festivals for example Jewish people will celebrate the festival of Light "Hanukkah".



We are preparing for 'Our First Nativity' and look forward to performing to you on Tuesday 17th 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 18th December and our party on 19th December. Outside of each class they is a list of food you would like to donate for our party. We are planning a visit from Santa for the children, which will be a surprise. If for any reason you don't want your child to meet Santa speak to your class teacher on the day.

Thank you for you support through out this term. We all work together for the best outcomes of our students and we are delighted with the progress of your children. They have worked tireless day by day coming to school and try their best . We couldn't be more proud of them.

We wish you all a very Merry 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 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, Mrs Spiers or Ms York. We hope you all have a lovely week!