



Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 08.01.24

**Term 3 topic- What happens in our world?
Our theme this week is saying thank you.**



Happy New Year!

What an exciting start to the term we have had! Please read on and find out what we have been doing since we came back after the holidays!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- As always, we look out for each other and work as a team. We continue to try to stick to our class rules and this week we discussed the importance of saying thank you and why and when we use it. We continue to enjoy our Jigsaw sessions. This week we listened to the chime in Calm Me time and chatted about things that challenge us or we find hard to do. We know we keep going and try our best even if we find something tricky. Our school value this month is resilience and we have been talking a lot about this in assembly, and in class.

Communication and Language- We are becoming more confident in speaking in front of our friends and our teachers. It was lovely to hear all about everyone's holiday last week. We have loved talking about our favourite Christmas presents and have even done some writing about them. We also loved talking about our favourite parts of the Christmas holidays and loved hearing about your wonderful family times.

Physical Development- We have enjoyed keeping warm outside using the climbing equipment and playing ball games on the playground. As always, we exercise our fine motor skills in Reception through a variety of activities. We have used playdough and slime, threaded pasta onto pipe cleaners to make bracelets and picked coins out of oats using magnets. The malleable resources, as well as many of the activities in the class, strengthen our fingers to help us become brilliant writers and artists! We have also enjoyed getting back into dough disco this week.

Literacy- The children have enjoyed different stories about being kind and saying thank you. This week in phonics, we have been split into different groups around the school so your child may have a different teacher for phonics. We have been writing sentences about our Christmas and we are becoming very accomplished at pinching the sounds on our fingers when we spell words! We have been learning about finger spaces and when to use full stops too! We continue to enjoy writing on clipboards, post its, notepads and whiteboards around the classroom, and also in the role play area.



As well as reading every day in phonics, we will also be listening to your child read individually each week. We write in the blue reading diary when this has happened.

Please remember to write in this book too when you have read with your child at home. We recommend 5 minutes every day.

Mathematics- We continue to practise counting in 1s to 30 (and beyond), 2s to 20 and have started to count in 10s. We know that it is very important to recognise our numerals to 20! Our number rhymes help us form our numerals. This week we have been learning about the number zero and different ways of making 5. We have been splitting 5 in different ways using Numicon, 5s frames and cubes.

Understanding the World- We have loved playing outside in the frosty playground and have talked about why our water tray has frozen! We loved stamping on little pieces of ice and also talked about the dangers of playing on frozen ponds and lakes during this cold weather.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have created some lovely water colour pictures of our Christmas presents. In our classes we continue to build up our repertoire of familiar songs, some of us even enjoy making up our own versions as we play and learn.

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Supporting learning at home

- Play with the number 5. Give your child 5 blueberries etc and separate them into 2 separate groups. What 2 numbers make 5?
- Please continue to listen to your child read every day and write in their blue reading book.
- Please continue to practise getting dressed and doing zips and buttons!

Notes for next week 15.01.24

- **I'm so sorry about the confusion regarding PE days. We only have one PE day a week and this will be on a Wednesday. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on this day.**
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves every day.
- We still have spaces for our stay and play sessions. Please sign up if you haven't already done so.

Have a lovely weekend!

