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# Learning

### 1st December 2017

### Phonics, Literacy & Numeracy

In Phonics this week we have continued learning about letter sounds (phonemes). The children have been introduced to /y/ as in yellow; /z/ as in zip; /zz/ as in buzz and /qu/ as in quack. Previously we have introduced /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/, /i/, /n/, /m/, /d/, /g/, /o/, /c/, /k/, /ck/, /e/, /u/, /w/ and /x/. Please practise saying these phonemes at home, see if you can find them in books or when you are out and about.

We have also looked at Our Word Tree which currently displays the high frequency words it, is, in, the, I, go, we, me, be, he and she.

In literacy we have based our learning around Superheroes. The children were set the task of writing simple captions to describe superhero scenes. Look at some comics with your child this weekend and see if your child can talk about what is happening in the pictures.

During maths we have been solving subtraction problems by saving (taking away) people in trouble. The children have also learnt to count in 10s to 100. See if your child can remember our 10s song.

Open Phonics sessions will not be available now until after Christmas as we will be busy preparing for our Christmas Show.

We have begun weekly sessions on empathy as a way to improve the children's understanding of how people might think and feel. This week we read the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson.

#### Reminders and Next Week's Learning

Next week we will base our learning around <u>Stickman</u>. We will also be learning our songs and scenes for the upcoming Christmas Show.

The children will be going to Gorleston Pavillion Theatre to watch the pantomime on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All children must wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch to school on this day as we will be having lunch at a later time than normal. We will be leaving school at 10:00am and returning at 12:45pm so drop off and collection times will be unaffected.

Your child's maths Next Step has been reviewed this week and a sheet explaining their progress has been sent home. Please practise this learning at home to help your child progress. Next week we will complete a Phonics check instead of reviewing Literacy Next Steps.

A Parent Helper Timetable is up on the Reception Notice board, sign up your name in an available slot. Parent readers have begun coming into school.

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We will be hosting a Reception Christmas Party on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and will ask parents to sign up to bring party food very soon.

#### Dates for your diary.

Thursday  $7^{\text{th}}$  December - Pantomime Trip.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Parents invited into school to decorate the classrooms (2:30-3:15pm).

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Early Years Christmas Show (9:15 & 2:30pm).

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Party Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term

Well done to all the children for dressing up as fantastic heroes this week!