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# Learning

### 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Phonics, Literacy & Numeracy

In Phonics this week we have focused on the letter names through singing alphabet songs and practised our segmenting (breaking words into sounds) and blending (putting the sounds together) skills. These are the phonemes we have learnt so far - /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/, /i/, /n/, /m/, /d/, /g/, /o/, /c/, /k/, /ck/, /e/, /u/, /r/, /h/, /b/, /ff/, /ff/, /ll/, /ss/, /j/, /v/, /w/, /x/, /y/, /z/, /zz/ and /qu/. 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 been writing lists to Santa - see if you can write a list together this weekend.

During maths we have been solving subtraction problems using Santa's sleigh and a Christmas Tree. The children have also practised counting in 10s to 100.

Open Phonics sessions & Parent Reading will continue after Christmas as we will be busy preparing for our Christmas Show.

We have continued 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 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson.

A Phonics Check was completed this week. The phonemes (letter sounds) your child knows have been shared with you.

#### Reminders and Next Week's Learning

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

Please remember our Christmas Performance will take place in the hall at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Two adults can watch the show per child, no tickets will be provided but we ask you to only attend one show so that spaces are available for all those who want to attend.

There will be no P.E sessions now before Christmas. However we will be completing dress rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday next week so your child's costume will need to be provided on these days in a named bag.

A Christmas Postbox can now be found in Reception for all your child's Christmas cards. Unfortunately we cannot provide lists of children's names.

We are planning to watch the film 'The Snowman' next week, this film is rated PG (Parental Guidance) so we will not show it to children who opt out. Please let us know if you do not want your child to watch this film.

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We will be hosting a Reception Christmas Party on Monday  $18^{th}$  December and will ask parents to sign up to bring party food very soon. All food provided must be shop bought and nut free.

Dates for your diary.

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

Thursday 4th January - First Day of Spring Term.



Well done to all the children for being so sensible during our trip to see the pantomime this week!

