



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 **Week:** 5 **Week ending:** 4.12.2020

Religious Education

Advent/Christmas - Waiting – Birthdays

This week we listened to more of the Nativity story and learned about the shepherds and the kings visiting baby Jesus. We also made Christmas cards for Father Tim.

Maths

We have continued with number 4 this week and have looked at different ways of making 4p and also looked at patterns of 4. We will extend our 4 learning into next week where we will look at 4 o'clock and recap on our knowledge so far and then start with Number 5 after our Christmas break. We have been doing lots of counting, especially in the morning when we count how many children are in school, how many children are learning outside and how many are having each option of hot dinner.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We learnt all about the Jewish festival of lights 'Hanukkah.' We listened to the story of the great battle and the lamp staying lit in the Temple for 8 days. We also learnt about the menorah and different Hanukkah traditions. The children made their own Hanukkah cards and used a spinning top to play a dreidel game.

We have also been practising our speaking parts for our Christmas collective worship which is being filmed next Tuesday. The children have been amazing at speaking out so clearly and confidently. Well done.

Many parents have asked about costumes and some have even sent some in already. Reception are going to be filmed first as we know they will be very excited.

Home Learning

Christmas Phonics

This can be completed and stuck in homework books - look at each picture and use robot arms to segment each word and write the graphemes in each bauble.

Ongoing home learning

Phoneme and tricky word flashcards

We have completed all the phonemes and tricky words for Phase 2 -

5 minutes practise with these each night will ensure that your children are able to recognise each grapheme and this will progress their reading and writing.

Addressing an envelope

if you haven't sent your stamped addressed envelope back to school, please do that as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Phonics

This week's phonemes are **I**, and **ss** which bring us to the end of our Phase 2 phonics. We are going to consolidate our learning over the next couple of weeks with fun Christmas themed phonics games and then continue in the Spring term with our application of Phase 2 phonemes and graphemes in our reading and writing before moving on to Phase 3.

Online Parent's Evening

Thank you to all parents for your co operation and participation with our online parent's evening this week. It was lovely to be able to chat with you and feedback about the progress of the children thus far, despite some technical issues. If we didn't manage to speak to you or we were cut short, we will be in touch to answer any queries you might have.

Thank you

Collective Worship

We have continued to practise our Collective worship in the hall. The children have loved being on the stage and playing their instruments. They have also picked up the actions really well to each song. our only problem is trying to stop them from singing. We are very proud of the way the children have learnt their lines and are speaking so clearly.

Many of you have asked about costumes. Just to clarify, Reception are going to be filmed in the morning session as we know they will be very excited. Children are to come into school wearing their costume with their PE kit underneath. Please send a spare bag into school inside book bags as once we have had our turn in the hall, the children will take off their costumes and put it in their spare bag to bring home. Thank you.