



## Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2    Week: 6    Week ending: 09.12.2022

### Religious Education

#### **Advent / Christmas – Waiting – Birthdays**

This week in assembly we lit the 2nd candle on the wreath. This symbolises peace. We listened to the Scripture to tell us the Christmas story from the point of view of the Shepherds and the Wise Men. The children drew some pictures and labelled the important characters and sequenced the Christmas story. We sang our Collective Worship songs and linked these to the important parts of the story.



### Communication & language

#### Literacy

This week we read 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg. We explored letters and the purpose of addressing an envelope and using a stamp. We looked at all of the different things we can get in the post and tried to spot all the fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters.

#### Library / Reading books

We collected in library books on Wednesday and the children will begin choosing a weekly book again in the Spring term. Please send in any outstanding books you have at home. Next week will be our last week of reading books of the autumn term so all books should be returned next Friday. We do have many sets with books missing from the past few weeks so please have a look at home for these as missing /damaged books will incur a replacement charge.

### Maths

This week we continued to look at composition of numbers up to 5. We practised our subitising skills to 5 (which the children are really good at now) and looked for number bonds within each spot pattern. We made towers of 5 with different coloured cubes and for our activity counted the total amount of spots and wrote the corresponding numeral or matched it to the correct spot formation.

### Home Learning

- 1.Christmas counting and number formation. Count the objects then write the correct number in the box.
  2. Letter formation sheets – level 2
- If you haven't returned your addressed envelope this week, please can you send back to school when you can.

### Phonics

This week we have completed the alphabet and have begun to learn our 'friends together' letters. When we learnt y z/ zz and qu. We also met our new level 3 tricky words 'he' and 'she' – in order to support your child with their reading at home, please practice these using the flash cards sent home.

### Expressive arts and design

This week we have set up our Father Christmas workshop and sleigh outside and have been role-playing wrapping the presents and delivering them on the sleigh and having a Christmas sing along at the same time. We have begun to make our Christmas cards and some special 'elves of ourselves' for our Christmas window display.

### Reminders for the diary

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Collective Worship – 9.15 for 9.30 start.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas jumper day – Recommended donation - £1 for Save the children. Children to still wear rest of school uniform but can wear Christmas accessories too.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 10.45: Trip to Croxteth Park Farm and Grotto. Return to Bishop Eton Church at approx. 3.40. If your child does not have wellies/waterproofs in school, please send them in to school with them in case of adverse weather.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Break up – 1pm.