



Friday 28th November

We have had a really exciting week at school with our first nativity rehearsals in the halls. Thank you for organizing costumes and helping with speaking parts at home. We have continued exploring green heroes and have learned about Sir David Attenborough and his work with animals and habitats this week. Next week we will be completing a litter pick around our school grounds so we can be green heroes too! There is still plenty of time to complete one of our green hero challenges outlined in last week's newsletter home.



Phonics

Next week we will be learning our final phase 2 sounds and will not be exploring any more new sounds until after the Christmas break. We will be conducting phonics assessments after next week to help us identify gaps in pupil's knowledge. Children will receive regular phonics interventions beyond Christmas to help plug knowledge gaps.



Reading

A reminder to please record every time your child reads their book or the words in their blending packs to you at home. If you record reading on 3 different days in the week, children will get a sticker for their charts and will get more stickers for more reading across the week.

Mathematics

In Maths we have been focusing on number bonds to 10. These are key facts that, ideally, children will be able to recall from memory by the end of Reception year. Next week we will be revisiting numbers 6 - 10 as a group, learning how to compare them and build them. These are the numbers we refer to as 'friend' numbers as they need 5 and a 'friend' to represent using our fingers.

There will be no Forest School session for either class next week as we have the stage booked for a dress rehearsal.

Nativity Performance

The children are so excited to perform their nativity show for you next Friday. Once you have dropped your child off in the morning as normal, please head round to the main entrance to take your seats. We will be aiming for a 9:15 start but this will depend on how quickly we can sort out everyone's costumes! Once the performance is over there will be a chance to take some individual photos of your child on stage in their costume if you wish. Afterwards we will gather the children back in their groups ready to head back to classes and continue with our day. Separating after an exciting event can still be challenging for some children so please help us to make the separation as smooth as possible by encouraging your children back to their teachers when asked. Thank you and we hope you enjoy the show!

A reminder to please have your **costumes** in by **Monday 1st December** in a **clearly labelled bag**. We are hoping to have 2 dress rehearsal run-throughs before our performance to the school later in the week. Please can you give your child a few opportunities at home to practise changing into and out of their costumes!

As well as being a day of celebration, next Friday will also bring some sadness too as it will be Mrs Malone's final day working at Meadows First School. Mrs Malone has helped to nurture and teach hundreds of children across her 9 years here at our school and she will be sorely missed as she heads off on a new and exciting adventure in her life. We would like to take this chance to thank Mrs Malone for all she has done for every member of staff and pupil here at Meadows and we all wish her the very best of luck with her new ventures in the future!



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shells

Pucker your lips and show your teeth; push the air out
shshshshsh shshshshsh

sh Share the shells.



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Voiced: Tongue on your teeth, teeth almost closed to make a 'buzzing' **th th th**
Unvoiced: Tongue on your teeth; push the air out
th th th

th Thumbs up, we're having fun.