



Friday 12th December

It has been another very exciting week of school! We had an amazing time at the Pantomime on Thursday! We also loved watching our friends in Years 1 and 2 put on their Nativity show on Monday!

Phonics

We have spent this week revisiting all of the phase 2 sounds we have learned since September. We have been putting our phonics into practise by reading lots of CVC words in our phonics lessons this week. The children have made great progress this term; thank you for supporting your child at home. On the next page are our tricky words. They are tricky because one or more sounds in them are making an unusual or unexpected sound. Children can't use their phonics skills to sound these out and so need to learn these from memory. Please practise these words with your children at home so they can continue to recognise them as tricky words.

Reading

Next week, we will be sending home an e-collins login for you to use with your child. This is a login to a website where you can access lots of ebooks that are matched to the sounds your child is currently able to segment and blend. As we have a longer break coming up, you can use the website to practise lots of reading over the Christmas break alongside your physical reading book. We will add a sticker to your child's yellow reading record book next week with their login details and information on how to access the ebooks.

Mathematics

We have spent our time in maths this week exploring subitising (recognizing a group of objects as an amount instead of counting them). The children are really developing their subitising skills and growing in confidence and speed. In class we like to say: don't count - see the amount! Subitising numbers up to 5 is a key skill we would like all children to master by the end of Reception year.

With all of the exciting Christmas activities happening in school next week, We will not be doing Forest School of PE lessons next week.

After the Christmas break, P.E. and Forest School will continue as normal on the same days as they are currently for both classes. **We will begin P.E. and Forest School sessions on the first day back after the Christmas break.**

Friday 19th December is our 'Party Day'. Children can come to school in **party/Christmas clothes**. We will play some festive party games in the morning across both classes.



A reminder of the events happening in our last week of term...

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner (Children can wear a Christmas jumper)

Thursday 18th December - Visit from Santa

Friday 19th December - Party day (party clothes)

This will be the last newsletter for this term. We hope that you agree that it really has been so successful. All of the children have settled into their school routines so well and our classrooms are such happy, friendly and productive places. Every day we see the children growing with maturity and becoming more and more independent.

Thank you so much for encouraging your child in so many ways. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and wonderful new year.



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