



Friday December 11th



This week has been a lot of fun. We have been doing lots of craft activities and the children have been choosing to do lots of Christmas mark making. Next week will be very busy in school. On Monday we are having our Christmas lunches. Tuesday will be Christmas jumper day. On Wednesday we will have our Christmas party and Thursday is the last day of the term.

## Reading

Please read Bugs in Bed and Hot Dog from Rising Stars this week.

Please can you send books in on Wednesday. We will not be sending reading books home over the Christmas holiday but you will have access to Rising Stars.



## Phonics

After Christmas we will move on to Phase 3 of Phonics. This will start off with the remaining letters of the alphabet (j, v, w, x, y and z) before moving on to digraphs and trigraphs (when 2 or 3 letters make 1 sound). Examples include ai, ee and igh. Don't worry, we will give you more information!

Please keep practising letter sounds at home throughout the holiday so they do not get forgotten.

## Mathematics

The children really grasped the addition concepts we have introduced this week. They loved the ideas of doing proper grown up Maths!

During their free flow time there have been a number of activities out to support children in their awareness of pattern. Some children have really got the hang of repeating pattern and can create and continue 3 picture or symbol patterns, whereas other children struggle with 2 pictures or symbols. There are many ways that you could support and extend this at home. Please see the attached sheet for examples. This game is also a fun way for the children to explore patterns <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/Christmas-patterns>.

## Activities to have a go with at home:

Please use the Christmas holiday to promote your child's independence skills. It really is helpful to the children if they can put coats, hats, gloves etc on independently (including doing zips up).



It has been a very interesting term and your children have had a very unusual start to their school life, but they have all taken it in their stride and should all be very, very proud of themselves for the way that they have settled and adjusted to their new routines.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.