

Reception Weekly News!

Friday 9th December 2022

What a busy week we have had! On Wednesday we had the dentist come and visit...she brought with her some big teeth and lots of foods that are good for our teeth and not so good for our teeth. She was very impressed with the children's behaviour and knowledge of how important it is to brush our teeth twice a day. We have also been very busy practising our Christmas performance, the children are doing an amazing job!

This week we have been learning all about why Christians celebrate Christmas and reading our Nativity story. We have also done a super experiment to learn about solid and liquids. We helped our friend, Don Duck, get his food that was stuck inside the ice! We learned that we need heat to melt ice and we used our body heat to melt the ice so he was very happy! There was some fantastic scientific language being used!

The library is currently closed to check stock and to return books so your child will not get another one until after Christmas. If you do have any library books at home, please send them back in.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday for our performance of 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast' at 2:15pm.

What have we been learning in Maths?

This week we have been finding missing numbers and reasoning by describing the properties of a number. For an example, "4 is missing because it is 1 less than 5," or "3 is missing because it is 1 more than 2."

Can you write the numbers 0-5 on paper and cut them up and hide them for your child? Can they find them and order them? Can you take a number away and can your child tell you which one is missing and how they know?

What have we been learning in phonics?

This week's sound is:

oo

Encourage your child to practice saying this sound. Can they draw things that have this sound in them? We call this "2 letters 1 sound" or a "digraph".

Challenge – can you label your drawings? Can you write a sentence with finger spaces?

Weekly Key Words

Each week we will choose some words from our Reception key word list that your child will be expected to recognise and spell this year.

Please practise the following words with your child:

then, them, this, that, said

Please encourage your child to recognise these by sight to help with their reading development. For an extra challenge can they remember how to spell them?

Tapestry Challenge!

This week we have been listing things we put on our Christmas tree. If you haven't already, please could you put a picture on Tapestry of your Christmas trees at home?

For an extra challenge, can your child make a decoration for their Christmas tree? We would love to see them!

Don't forget!

- Please label **all** items of clothing and shoes (if possible!)
- Reading books will come home on a **Monday** and will need to be returned on a **Monday**
- Please make sure your child's book bag comes in every day and their reading record is **signed** each week.
- Please bring a named water bottle for your child with **still water** only ☺