



Welcome to the Reception newsletter

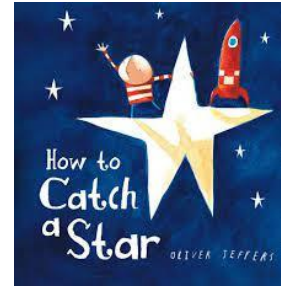


1st December 2023

What's been happening in Owls and Foxes classes...



The children have shown a real interest in space over the last few weeks, so we have based our lessons around this theme. We looked at the planets and stars and added in some historical learning, finding out about the first men to land on the moon.



This week we have been reading the book 'How to catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpyR6hJPxiw>

During Drawing Club we have used our imaginations to think of ways to catch a star and even thought about what we would like to catch! This has led to some thoughtful discussions and writing practice.

Next week we will be reading the story 'Stick Man' and using this to inspire our writing and map making skills.

In phonics we are spending some time practising what we have learnt and using the sounds to read and write simple words. We have played lots of listening games, so that we can hear sounds in words, such as I spy. Please continue to use Phonics Bug at home, as this is valuable practice.



In maths we have been learning to compare numbers and amounts, using the words more, less and fewer. Some of us are now able to say how many fewer or how many more. Next week we will be comparing lengths of objects and measuring in simple ways. We will be using the words shorter, longer, shortest and longest.

IN RE we are beginning to learn about the meaning of Advent and the story of the Nativity. We are busy rehearsing our own version of the Nativity ready for you to watch! We will be providing all the costumes, so there is no need to worry about buying anything!

Advent Calendars

As we enter the time of Advent, we will be celebrating in school, in many ways. We will talk about our traditional advent wreath and advent calendar. Both classes will celebrate in different ways, with Fox class having an Advent book surprise! If your child comes home with a book that is not a school library book, it is theirs to keep from our advent collection.

Parent Learning Cafes

Thank you to those of you who have returned the Christmas Cafe reply slips. It is very important that they are returned to us by Monday morning at the latest, as we need to organise groups of children and staff. We are afraid we cannot allow parents to attend unless you have returned the slip. Thank you for your understanding on this matter, but as you can appreciate, it takes a lot of organising!

Nativity performance

There are no tickets or reservations for the performances, just turn up! All we ask is that you are mindful of other families when taking photos. Please do not block other parents' views or include other children in your photos. Thank you.

Important dates

Christmas cafes Tuesday 5th December and Wednesday 6th December at 9.30.

Nativity performance Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm and Thursday 14th December at 9.30am.

Last day at school Wednesday 20th December, finishing at 1.30pm

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions, or send us an email.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Buddle, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Staines and Mrs Jeal