



Welcome to the Reception newsletter

15th December 2023



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

It's been all about Christmas in Reception the last two weeks and the children are certainly very excited! We have been practising our Nativity play, singing the songs, trying our costumes and getting used to the stage! We hope those of you who managed to see us perform enjoyed it. We are very proud of the children and how hard they have worked.

We also held two parent cafes which we hope you enjoyed too. It always makes us so happy to see parents and Grandparents in school, taking part in activities and the children love it. We will have more opportunities like this in the new year.



The children have enjoyed retelling the story of the Gingerbread man and using it to inspire drawings, writing and crafts. We played with gingerbread playdough, which helps to develop our finger muscles and in turn help with holding a pencil strongly. Next week we will be making our own gingerbread men!

In phonics we have been practising all the sounds we have learnt so far, which is called phase 2. Here is a more detailed explanation of what phase 2 phonics is...

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/article/phonics-phase-2-introducing-the-first-letters>

We have also been using these sounds to read simple words together, in preparation for reading early books. We have been checking what each child knows, so that we can tailor our learning to individual needs next term. Your child will then have daily practice at a level that suits them, individually.

Please continue to use Phonics Bug at home, as this is valuable practice.

In maths we have been learning the vocabulary of length such as longest, shortest, taller. We have also explored patterns, especially repeating patterns. This is a pattern game that the children enjoyed playing at school

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/christmas-patterns>

IN RE we have learnt about the meaning of Advent and the story of the Nativity. We looked at the Advent wreath and what it means, then made our own using our making skills.



Library Books

Please return all school library books by Tuesday 19th December please. We will check them all and begin sending them home again in the New Year.

Important dates

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

Return to school Thursday 4th January

January 29th and 30th vision and hearing screening in school

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

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Have a wonderful Christmas and a fun filled break. See you in the New Year!

Best wishes,

Mrs Buddle, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Staines and Mrs Jeal