



Reception Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024

In phonics this week the children have learnt the following new digraphs (two letters, one sound): sh (share the shells), th (thumbs up we're having fun), ng (bling on a ring) and nk (I think I am pink). The children have practised reading words containing sounds we have previously learnt such as yell, quiz, quack, chin, much and mess. The children also learnt some new Tricky Words this week, they are: she, he and of. I will provide you with copies of them next week so you can practise at home too.



In our maths sessions this week the children have practised their subitising skills using dice and have begun to investigate 'finding half'. We have also looked at adding, combining two amounts and finding out how much altogether.



Christmas preparations are in full swing in Reception so we have been making Christmas decorations this week. We have been learning about the importance of Christmas trees and why people, especially Christians, decorate them and display them in their homes leading up to Christmas. The children made their own Christmas tree out of paper plates and created their own green paint to paint them with after learning about the primary colours in the colour wheel.

The children have been learning 'The Christmas Story' with actions. We have been retelling the story using characters and other props and we know many of the key events now. The children have been extremely busy building Bethlehem too! They used wooden blocks, play people and other various resources from around the classroom to make Bethlehem and the characters involved in The Nativity.



We have also been busy rehearsing our Nativity this week and everyone is loving all the singing and signing along to the songs. The children are very excited to perform on stage in front of an audience! I must say they are brilliant at singing and have picked up the actions very quickly!

Just a reminder that we have our next Woodland Learning Session on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Please ensure the children are dressed for Woodland Learning when they come into school, including having their waterproofs on and that they bring their uniform in a separate carrier bag. Please provide another bag for the children to put their muddy boots into too please. If it is cold remember to layer the children up please. Many thanks for your support with this.

Thank you for all the lovely leaves the children have created, they are going to look super on our Celebration Tree in class. It has been lovely for the children to share their achievements with each other and it's not too late for your child to bring theirs in if they still haven't done so.

I would like to ask for some volunteers to look after our lovely chickens over the Christmas Break please. One parent has already kindly volunteered to do so from 1-5 January so would anyone be interested in helping out for the 21 – 31 December period? Even if you are available to help for just a couple



of those days that would be great! The chickens just need a little visit each day to ensure they have food and water and the occasional cleaning out. Please email the office or let me know via the contact book if you would be interested and which dates you would like to do. Many thanks, we really appreciate your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the school Christmas Fayre tomorrow! 😊

Best wishes,

Mrs McKiernan