

Early Years Newsletter 21st December 2017



Christmas Party

On Wednesday we had our first Christmas party with our friends in KS1. We had a really fun time and we have put some pictures on Tapestry. The children looked very smart and their behaviour was commented on, as being exemplary by the entertainer that visited school.

In phonics we have been learning new sounds oa and the tri-graph - igh, the new tricky word my. In Maths we have been looking at consolidating our numbers 1- 10. We have ordered, counted and written all our numbers. The children have been listening to different stories throughout the week focussing on the Christmas story and looking at how other people from around the world celebrate at this time of year. Our focus this week was kindness and how we could show that in school and to our friends. The children thought of some wonderful ideas and we have begun to put these into our everyday thoughts. Throughout the week we have been very creative with our Christmas crafts and these were all sent home. We received a letter from Mrs Claus on Thursday asking for our help to find some missing sprouts for Santa Claus. The children looked for clues and eventually found all the sprouts and had lots of fun doing it too.

Junk Modelling Materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

Next Year.

We will re-cap all our existing sounds from Phase 2 and Phase 3 this week to ensure understanding and application within sentences. We will review all our "tricky words" **I, to, no and go, the, me, we, be, was, my** and introduce the new tricky word **you**. A "tricky word" is a word that you cannot phonetically segment. We will introduce the high frequency words will, with, that, this. We will continue to use RM maths each day and the children are already fully engaged with this. In Maths we will be looking at the concept of time and the language associated with this. We will look at how we organise our day in school, at home and how the clock looks at o'clock. In our afternoon sessions we will look at the changes in Wintertime and look around our environment.

Homework

Thank you for the wonderful and creative homework this week, the children really enjoyed showing it to their friends and explaining how they made their decorations. For the holiday period we would love for you to spend some fantastic family time and play some board games/card games. This is such a brilliant opportunity to reinforce sharing, turn taking and playing traditional/new

games. Have fun. Of course you can put evidence of this on Tapestry and please include the dialogue between child and adult.

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been lovely getting to know the children and their families. Have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the special time together as a family. We return to school on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

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