

Reception Newsletter 26th November 2021

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have been:

- Learning to part 5 in different ways, for example 3 and 2, or 4 and 1.
- Practising our Christmas songs and went into our first singing assembly in the hall with the year 1 and 2 children.
- Practising reading and writing using the phonics sounds that we have been learning. Children are becoming more confident with spelling 3 letter words themselves!

Next week we will be:

- Reading the stories 'Dear Zoo' and 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell. This is a great book for children to explore comparing skills in maths (small/big, tall/short, heavy/light), using comparative language and letter writing/mark making. Over the next two weeks we will be supporting children with letter writing, learning to spell the words 'to' and 'from', as well as writing simple versions of the story 'Dear Zoo' using the repetitive and memorable format.
- Recapping all the areas that we have learnt so far in maths! Children have done so well picking up new skills and showing us that they are gaining a solid understanding of number and numerical patterns.
- Learning the sounds 'ai', 'ee', 'ie', 'oa'.

Upcoming events:

Depending on covid restrictions at the time (hopefully not), on Tuesday 14th December at 11am there will be a festive concert in the hall featuring Reception and KS1 children. Reception classes will be singing a few songs and also listening to the older children's songs too. If possible please could children come to school wearing a black top if possible on this day. We will be making tinsel headbands at school. The concert should last for around half an hour and will be in the main school hall. Please enter via the main entrance and through the office area.

We look forward to seeing you then if you are able to join us :) Please be mindful that, with regards to the parent mail that was sent out yesterday, this could change at the last minute. Of course we will do all that we can to avoid this and let you know with as much notice as we can if so!

Also, on Friday 17th December we will be having our end of term parties in Reception Ladybirds and Butterflies classes. On this day children may like to come into school in their favourite party attire or in a festive jumper/hat. If you would be happy to bring in an edible treat for the class to have at their party on this day please fill out the form on the reception shelter window to say what you would like to bring (just to avoid ending up with lots of the same thing where possible). Please remember that we are a nut free school. Also if possible, no pork gelatine. For example, some strawberries, or a bottle of sugar free squash, some crisps or carrot sticks. They will be eating their usual lunch too so won't need huge amounts ☺ but we thought it'd be a proper party if we have a little party food too. We have balloons and pass the parcel sorted. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Katie, Sarah and the EY team