

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Our Sing-Along takes place on Thursday 7th December and the children have been practising their songs in readiness for parents, grandparents or aunts and uncles who will be joining us on this day. The children have learnt a variety of songs and have all been singing beautifully! We hope this continues when they have an audience! The children have also been very busy making Christmas hats for our performance, using Christmas stampers, paint, glitter and sparkles. They have all been very creative and have really enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit!



Please could children come to Nursery dressed in their best sparkly party clothes on the day of our Christmas Sing Along. We thought this would be lovely for the children and also make the day extra special for them.



We have begun to decorate the Nursery this week with lots of Christmas art work which the children have contributed to, and we are in the process of making a fantastic Christmas display with the children! They have also independently decorated the Christmas tree with a range of tinsel, baubles, decorations and sparkles. It really looks wonderful. Well done Nursery!



The children have been so engaged this week and are becoming excited due to all the fun Christmassy activities which they are taking part in. They love to explore with different media and use lots of glitter and sparkles on their creations. It has also been fantastic to see group work and children working so well together!



Together with our Christmas activities, the children have also been looking at patterns and shape. They did a lovely activity which incorporated the play dough. They counted out balls, then recreated and matched the Numicon shapes. This promoted a range of skills such as physical, fine motor and Numeracy.



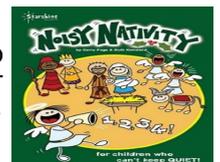
Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at 'n' and 'p' this week. Once again we have had some wonderful items brought in from home and the children have enjoyed discussing and sorting these items into the correct sound boxes during group times. We shall be continuing next week with the letters 'g' and 'o' and once again, if children have any items at home beginning with these letters they are welcome to bring them in to share with us. The children love looking at these items during group time and deciding which sound the items begin with. Thank you to parents for supporting us in helping the children look for these items at home.

RECEPTION NEWS

This week the Reception children have been working ever so hard in their play rehearsals for the Noisy Nativity performance next week. It amazes us every year how quickly children learn their lines and songs and put great effort into every performance. This year is no different. We are sure you will all be very proud of your little ones next week, as we are. It is the perfect start to the Christmas season. A reminder that the performances are on Tuesday at 2pm and Wednesday at 9.15am. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Please be aware that parking may be tricky for the morning performance, so to save time you may wish to park in the Memorial Park car park. Following on from the Tuesday afternoon performance, those who wish to collect their children afterwards may do so. Please go round to the black gate where you wait at the end of the day and it will be opened once children have changed out of their costumes.

As children have been working so hard this week, we have decided for there to be **no homework** on Friday. Enjoy your weekend!



We also managed to find time to post our letters to Father Christmas this week. We all walked up to the post box outside the senior school and individually posted our letters. We do hope they get to Father Christmas in time! Look out for a reply in your post. Many thanks for sending in the stamps.



In phonics, across all groups we are really focusing on speedy 'Fred talk'. The children use 'Fred talk' when reading a word by saying each of the sounds and then putting those sounds together to make the whole word eg. s-a-t sat or d-ow-n down. The reason we are trying to do **SPEEDY** 'Fred talk' is because the quicker you say the sounds, the easier it is to hear the whole word. When reading with your child at home, could you please encourage speedy 'Fred talk' also.



Now that the weather is getting much colder could we ask that on Friday's you send your child in their Games kit with something covering their legs. As we try to keep them outside for some fresh air in the morning play time before school. This can be tracksuit bottoms or leggings.