



# Reception Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

In phonics this week we have been learning the following new sounds: z (zebra), qu (quick, it's the queen) and ch (chew the cherries, children). The children have completed oral blending activities focusing on these sounds and have practised forming the letters in these sounds on their whiteboards. The children have also been reading sentences and we have been focusing on capital letters, their names and the sounds that they make. The Tricky Words we have focused on this week are: go, no, to and into. I have provided these, together with last week's words, for you to practise reading fluently at home.



In our maths sessions this week the children have been revising numbers 1-5 in particular. The children were introduced to Numberblock number 5 and loved the video clip and high fives with their friends! We also challenged the children to see if they can recognise numerals in a random order and show us the same amount on their fingers.

The children have engaged in various art activities this week and have been working together to get our Christmas display ready. We have made lovely angels which look fabulous on display in the classroom!



We have continued our Jigsaw puzzle piece about 'Celebrating Differences' this week, which has tied in nicely with Anti-Bullying week last week. In our PSHE lessons we have been discussing how we are all unique and how we may have similarities, but we are also different in various ways, which is something to be celebrated!



I have sent a leaf home with the children in their contact books in order to continue our PSHE theme because I would like them to decorate their leaf with drawings, photos or writing about their achievements at home and things they are good at. This could be anything from riding a bike without stabilisers, to doing well with a hobby, creating something at home etc. - absolutely anything which the children are proud of and that they think is a great achievement for them! We are then going to display the leaves on our Celebration Tree in the classroom so everyone can share their achievements with one another. Please could the leaves be completed and returned to school by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November?** Many thanks.

The children have been working extremely hard in preparation for our Nativity this year! They cannot wait to sing 'Bumping up and down on a camel' to you in the Nativity!

The children loved their Woodland Learning session on Wednesday; it was chilly but very bright and sunny! We played 'Hide and Seek' which the children loved and we warmed up with some delicious hot chocolate at the end! We also read 'The Leaf Thief', a lovely story about Autumn. The children made leaf crowns and enjoyed all the other Woodland Learning activities such as climbing, making a boat out of branches, the mud kitchen and digging! Just a reminder to please ensure they have plenty of layers to stay warm or a thick coat under their waterproof for next time as some of the children complained they were a bit cold. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs McKiernan



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