



Reception Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

In Phonics this week the children have not learnt any new sounds, we have focused on decoding and blending sounds, in particular digraphs, that we have learnt over previous weeks. We have also focused on reading words with a 's' at the end such as rings, sings and shuts. The children have been thinking about words where the 's' makes a 'z' sound at the end of words sometimes such as: dogs, pins, his, has and is. The children have learnt the following Tricky Words this week: we, me, be and understand the tricky part is the 'e' which makes an 'ee' sound. We have also been reviewing all the Tricky Words we have previously learnt and will start to learn some more new ones next term. I am sending home a copy of this week's and last week's words so please keep practising reading them at home with the children as they will then soon learn to read these words fluently, on sight.



In our maths sessions this week we have focused on 3D shapes; naming them and describing their properties, stating how many faces they have, whether they have flat or curved faces and also whether they can slide, stack or roll.

We have been looking at the Christmas Story again this week and the children enjoyed re-telling the story in small groups using the characters and building Bethlehem using bricks (3D shapes) and Play People. There has been some great collaborating this week and the children really know the story well now!





The children had a fantastic Woodland Learning session this week with Year 1. We read the story 'Stickman' and the children enjoyed collecting sticks and making the characters in the story, together with other stick objects – photos attached below!

The children were very excited to receive a mysterious parcel in the post on Monday. After spending a day guessing what could be inside they were delighted to open it to find Eddie the Elf (and his friend, Robin the Robin) who had been sent by Santa to bring us Christmas decorations! We cannot wait to see what mischief he gets up to before Christmas and the children are on their best behaviour now they know that Eddie is going to report back to Santa!

We now have our Christmas Post Box up in Reception/KS1 so if the children would like to write Christmas cards for their friends/class they can post them in the post box and then Year 6 will deliver them to the correct classes. To help Year 6 sort the cards into year groups please can you add an 'R' for Reception on the envelope as well as the name so the Year 6 children know to deliver to Reception. Also, add the year group if writing cards to other years. Many thanks.



The children enjoyed an entertaining Christmas 'panto' performance from The Family Trust on Wednesday and they are beyond excited for you to come and watch their performance of 'The Nativity' next week. Reception have worked so hard on their singing and they cannot wait to show you! We look forward to seeing you in school next week – we hope you enjoy the performance!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McKiernan

