

Reception Newsletter 4.12.20



The Christmas Day countdown began on Tuesday and there is a real festive buzz beginning to stir in Reception. We have enjoyed hearing the funny tales about what the elves have been up to or what the children have found behind the advent calendar door each day. In class we have talked what Advent means and we have each made a Christingle to take home.

During circle time this week we have also talked about 'Respect', one of our school Core Values, and the importance of looking after our belongings. We have looked at pictures of toys from the past and agreed that we need to try our best to look after our toys to keep them feeling special.



In PE, we have discussed the importance of warming up before we exercise and why we need to keep fit. The children have been perfecting their balancing skills and practised throwing and catching an air ball. Outside we have been digging in the sand and building more assault courses with tyres and wood. We are really building our fine motor and gross motor skills!



In phonics, we are exploring 'real' and 'nonsense' words, sounding them out and trying to put them in to a sentence to see if they make sense. You could practise this game at home

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto>



We are doing really well with learning our phase 2 tricky words and a useful song is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

You may wish to play a 'tricky word hunt' at home or maybe write the tricky words as an additional challenge. We have enclosed a copy of the Read, Write Inc letter formation sheet in book bags to remind the children of the stories for each different letter's formation.

In math, we have been learning the 7 days of the week and remembering the order. We have also asked questions about the week such as 'what day is it today?' 'What day is it tomorrow?' and used the class number line to count 'how many days until Sunday?'

Outside we have been making patterns with shapes and 'shape rolling' down guttering and pipes.



We have also practised our number bonds to 10. Here are a couple of helpful links to practise at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UD_RUVLPvTY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73av5oijolU>

Important Information



- Next week is our Christmas Party Day (Thursday 10th December) and we are so excited. The children can come to school dressed in their favourite party outfit and bring a small party snack for the afternoon. We will be having our Christmas lunch that day so please do not bring too much, just a little treat, for example a small sandwich, a cupcake and a carton of juice. NB please remember no nuts for allergy purposes.
- Please keep your child's reading record and reading materials in their book bag so that we can read with them at different opportunities during the week.

Thank you for your continued support at home and sharing all of the wonderful news or learning at home. We hope you have a lovely weekend together and see you on Monday.