

Reception News

Autumn 2 Week 6 - 10th December 2021

What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been working hard on our counting this week. We have played some new games on the big whiteboard in order to practise our 1:1 counting and we have counted amounts of Christmassy objects in our books, writing the amount that we could see next to the objects. We have also been learning to write the number 12 correctly with the help of "Episode 12" from the "Tia Ten Show" on Ten Town.
- ◆ We have been recapping all of the graphemes (sounds) and tricky words that we have been learning during this term - we've learned so much in our Phonics sessions! - and we have been reading captions and simple sentences together. Our teachers were so impressed with our blending! Our favourite activity this week has been reading "silly questions" and answering them by showing thumbs up or thumbs down. (e.g. *Can a cat buzz? Has a fox got six legs? Can a dog yap?* etc)
- ◆ This week it has been "International Christmas Week" in school. In Reception Class we have been thinking about how Christmas is celebrated in France. We listened to some French carols, learned how to say the names of the different characters from our Nativity and made baubles showing the French flag.

Putting shoes near the Christmas tree so Pere Noel knows where to leave the presents on Christmas Eve.

Christmas activities

Homework

Reading - Please support your child with reading their new reading books, encouraging the children to sound out and blend unfamiliar words and read tricky words by sight. *Please do make a comment to let us know how your child managed at home with their reading books: we really do value your input.*

Phonics and letter formation - No new sounds will be taught now until after the holidays. (Instead we will be concentrating on our segmenting and blending skills). However, please continue to practise recognition of all sounds taught so far and practise writing the letters (graphemes) as well encouraging and reminding of correct formation using the "froggy fingers" pencil grip.

Key words - Practise quick recognition of sight words - a new set of words has been sent home this week in the tricky word packets.

Maths - Practise forming "12" in the yellow "Between Us" book & on the "Ten Town" website. Practise 1:1 counting of any objects, encouraging your child to point to each object in turn as they count them to ensure that they count accurately.

A polite request...

Please would you continue to allow your child to practise dressing and undressing themselves independently whenever there is time. (We do realise that it can be hectic getting ready on school mornings, so maybe weekends or during the Christmas holidays might be best for this?). It is part of the Reception curriculum that the children need to be able to manage their own personal needs, including dressing and undressing. We will obviously support the children if they are finding something tricky. However, at this point in their Reception year, we now need the children to be able to do things like...

- Noticing if their shoes are on the wrong feet and being able to swap them over.
- Turning their clothing the right way round if it is inside out (e.g. jumpers or cardigans).
- Fastening and unfastening the zip on their school coat.

We really appreciate your support as always, thank you.