



Wintringham Primary Academy

Reception Class Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Learning Theme – Christmas!

The children have been enjoying a variety of festive activities this week. Our drawing club sessions have been based around 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs, and the children have used their imaginations to draw their own snow creatures and landscapes. They have also been writing Christmas cards and posting these in our Christmas post office role play area!

Next week we will continue our learning around the theme of Christmas by exploring the different ways Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Maths

This week, the children have been using their perceptual subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements, moving from dots in a line to a focus on standard dice arrangements. The children are also developing their conceptual subitising, quickly seeing the sub-groups within larger numbers.

Next week, the children will be representing quantities in different ways, including by showing amounts on 1 hand 'all at once'. There will also be a new focus on the symbolic representation of number and the children will work on their recognition of numerals to 5, matching numerals to correct quantities within various games.

Nativity

This week, the children have been very busy with the Christmas performance. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of them. They have also impressed us with their amazing Makaton skills during their singing! We hope that you enjoyed the show.

Reading and Phonics

The children have already learnt the following sounds:

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, l, ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk

They have also learnt the following tricky words (words that cannot be decoded using their phonics knowledge):

Is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be

Please can you listen to your child read at least **five** times a week and **record** a read for each day in their reading diary. Please only record the phonics book sent home. Your child's reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. On Friday, we count how many reads your child has completed and they will move up our reading chart. If your child has completed 5 or more reads throughout the week, then their name will be entered into our weekly reading raffle. Thank you for your continued support with this – **home reading really does have a huge impact on your child's progress.**

Reminders

The last day of term is **Friday 20th December**. We look forward to welcoming the children back in school on **Tuesday 7th January**.