



“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.”

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 2nd December 2019

Reception Nativity Performance

Friday 13th December 2.15pm

A Miracle in Town!

This year we are using music from an ‘Out of the Ark’ production called ‘A Miracle in Town’ to tell the Christmas Story.

The children have been practising the songs for a couple of weeks now and are singing beautifully. Next week we will be introducing them to the stage and will be practising in the school hall.

There are no speaking parts in our production so that the children can concentrate on enjoying the singing. They will, however, be dressed as characters from the story. We are giving the children the option to be an Angel, King, Shepherd, donkey, sheep or camel. Your child should have brought home a slip of paper with their chosen character on Friday.

I have attached a copy of the lyric booklet so that you can help your child learn the words. You can find clips of the songs by searching You Tube for ‘Out of the Ark, A miracle in Town’.

For some children the thought of performing in front of an audience can be quite overwhelming and we will take that into consideration when placing your child in the performance.

The children are excited to be performing their songs and they will be having a dress rehearsal on the day before in front of the Nursery and Key Stage 1 children.

Maths

The children have really enjoyed learning about and using five and ten frames. They have had a go at representing numbers to 10 using the frames and are becoming more accurate in their counting skills.

This week we will be looking at ‘one more’ and ‘one less’. Children usually find one more is easier as they are more confident in counting on than back. We are giving them lots of practise at counting backwards and making number lines that count down.

Literacy

This week the children will be having a go at writing about the Christmas Story and drawing some illustrations. We will be looking at the key words of Christmas, writing wish lists and making Christmas cards and decorations.

Writing Christmas cards to their friends is a very good way to practice writing their own name and those of others. Writing can be a very tiring activity so it is best to do a couple of cards every now and then rather than all of them at once. Model writing your cards in front of your children.

All of the children are enjoying sharing their reading books with their class teacher and we can see that they are making progress with their sounding out and tricky words.

Some children do not have their books when it is time to change them. It is very important that the children have their reading books with them, every day.

Religious Education

RE is very closely linked with Literacy, Maths and Art this week. The children will be learning in a fun, active way and spending time reflecting on the importance of celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Son of God.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we all know Christmas is a very exciting time and therefore children can become more excitable than normal and behaviour can be affected. Although we are doing some Christmas activities the learning and behaviour expectations remain very high. We will speak to parents if we have any concerns about behaviour.

Letter Sounds of the Week

We are now learning Phase 3 phonics whilst still revising all phase 2 phonics.

igh – fly high

oa – goat in a boat

oo – poo at the zoo

Homework – Every Friday we will be sending home a piece of reading homework that will help your child with letter recognition, formation and the skill of blending sounds together to make words. At this stage your child will need you to do a lot of modelling, they are not experts yet and should be praised for ‘having a go’. Please make this a fun activity that you do together. It does not need to be returned to school.

Remember!

Christmas Jumper day Friday 13th December

Reception Nativity performance Friday 13th December 2.15pm.

--	--	--