

Reception News - W/C - 02.12.24

Christmas is coming...

RECEPTION NATIVITY 2024

We would like to inform you that this year the Reception pupils will be performing the delightful nativity -

**EVERYONE
LOVES A
BABY!**



Afternoon Performance - Monday 16th December 2:15pm
Evening Performance - Tuesday 17th December 6:00pm

Please note -

- All pupils will take part in both performances - please would you inform school if your child is unable to attend the evening performance ASAP.
- Yesterday, your child brought home a note telling you which part they will play.
- If they have lines to say, please would you practise these at home.
- All costumes will be provided by school.
- A final arrangements letter will be sent home prior to the performance - with details of drop off and pick up arrangements.



Next steps in learning this week

Next steps in Language –

Our language focus will be generating ideas about the function of objects

Why is this important?

• Children need to learn that objects often have more than one function (e.g. ball – throw it, catch it, play football) and that lots of objects perform the same actions (e.g. what flies – butterfly, helicopter, bird, aeroplane).

How you can support at home –

- What to do · Gather together pictures of objects and put them face down on the table. The child chooses a picture (e.g. chair): ★ Adult: 'What do we do with a chair?' ★ Child: 'Sit on it.'
- Build up to more unusual or complex vocabulary. · Take it in turns to list everything you could read, sit on, smell, etc. without using any picture prompts

Our 'Rhyme of the Week' is – Jack and Jill went up the Hill.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ir_l7qTiZ4



Next steps in Maths –

Our unit this week will focus on counting, ordinality and cardinality.

This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children will revisit the concept of 1:1 correspondence by making sure that they match collections of objects to their representations. They will develop their understanding of the concept of cardinality – that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether – and begin to apply this concept to count more abstract things, such as claps and jumps.

The children will also begin to explore verbal counting to larger numbers. Counting together to numbers larger than 20 will begin to expose the pattern of number names beyond the tricky 'teen' numbers. Singing counting rhymes will give them opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence. The children will also have opportunities to begin to link quantities to 5 with their corresponding number and to explore conservation of number by investigating what happens to quantities of objects when they are rearranged.

Next steps in Phonics –

Next steps in Phonics – In phonics this week the children will be revising the phonemes – e, u, r, h, f, ff and learning the sounds – l, ll. We will also revise our tricky words – the, l, go, no, to into. Please continue to practise recognising and saying the sounds we have learnt so far, it is really important that pupils can readily recognise and say each sound.

How you can support at home –

- Encourage your child to recognise and read the sounds taught so far
- Practise blending sounds to read the words
- Practice writing simple words containing these sounds e.g. dog, cat, pig
- Can your child spot any of these sounds and letters in their environment or a story book?

Next steps in Literacy –

Next steps in Literacy – This week in Literacy we will be writing inserts for our Christmas cards.

Our focussed letter this week is the letter Yy. During our weekly handwriting session, we will sing the rhyme Tommy Thumb which helps develop our hand strength and learn how to form this letter correctly.

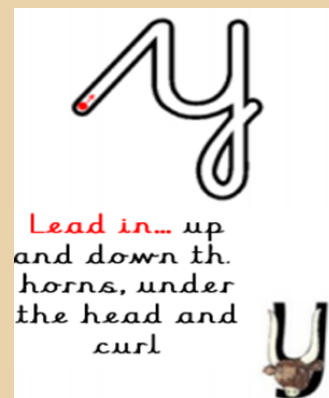
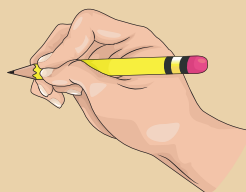
How you can support at home –

- Practise forming letters correctly. Practise these letters in a variety of media e.g. glitter, shaving foam, flour, as well as with pencils.
- Remind your child to always hold their pencil in a tripod grip.
- Practise writing their first name.

NEXT STEPS IN KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD –



This week we will be learning about Advent and why it is a special time of the year for Christians.



As always – Have a lovely week.

The Reception Team