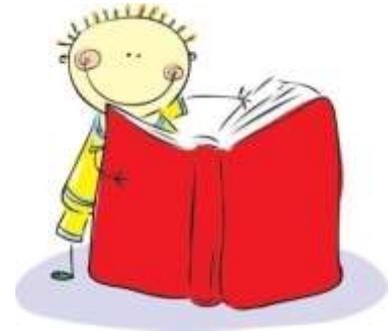


Reception Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2016

Wow, what a busy week the children have had! They have been extremely busy practising the Christmas songs for this year's Nativity. They have done really well and we have some fantastic singers in the class. We are beginning to feel very Christmassy!



During our phonics sessions we have been gradually introducing the children to some new sounds, digraphs in particular. These are graphemes where two letters make the sound. The children understand that when they see these sounds in a word they would add a sausage to represent one of our sound buttons. The ones we have learnt so far are: - **ee, ay, sh, ch, oo, ng, th, ar, nk, er and ou.** This week we have had a particular focus on **y, z, zz and qu.** The children have learnt how to write each sound and thought of words which contain the sound. It would be great if you could encourage the children to be sound detectives and see if they can spot any of these sounds when reading or out and about on signs, in shops etc.

In our maths sessions this week the children have been learning doubles to ten and are beginning to understand that doubling is when the same number is added to itself. We have also been working on counting to 100. The children have been ordering numbers to 10 and some to 20. We have also challenged the children to see if they recognise numerals in a random order and we have been counting out a number of objects to match a numeral.

The children have engaged in various art activities this week and have been working together to get our Christmas display ready. We have made lovely angels! The children cannot wait for them to go on display.

It has been Anti – bullying week this week so we have been discussing this at an age appropriate level with Reception. The children have had circle time sessions where we have focused on how our actions and sometimes our words can affect others. We have focused in particular on friendships and different emotions.

I have sent a leaf home with the children this weekend because I would like them to decorate their leaf with drawings, photos or writing about their achievements at home. This could be anything from riding a bike without stabilisers, to doing well with a hobby, creating something at home, absolutely anything which the children are proud of and that they think is a great achievement for them! We are then going to display our leaves on our Celebration Tree in the classroom so everyone can share their achievements with one another. Please complete the leaves and return them to school by **Friday 25th November.** Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale