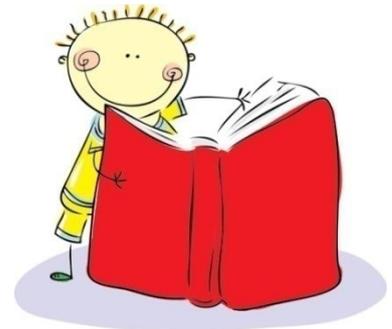




Reception Newsletter

Friday 16th November 2018

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 one 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 to carry out addition by combining two groups of objects and counting how many altogether. Some of us have started to record the addition number sentences too.

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.

Thank you for making our fundraising for Children in Need such a success! The children looked great and all the donations will be going to such a good cause! The children enjoyed watching the teachers play the 'Hoop Hop Showdown' in assembly and were very excited when the KS1 team of teachers were the winners! We had great fun playing as a class.





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 etc. - absolutely anything that the children are proud of and that they think is a great achievement for them! Please can you, or the children cut out the leaf as well please. We are then going to display the leaves on our Celebration Tree in the classroom so everyone can share their achievements with one another. Please could the leaves be completed and returned to school by **Friday 23rd November**.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale