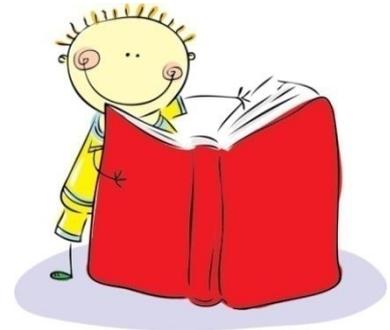




# Reception Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

In phonics this week the children have revised sounds they have already learnt and we focused on recognising and reading the following graphemes: - **th, ch, ng and sh**. The children have also been practising reading High Frequency Words and Tricky words this week.



The children had another super Forest School session (even though it was very wet and cold!) where they listened to the story of 'Superworm' and made different minibeasts from the story using clay and natural resources, they made spider webs with wool and enjoyed all the other activities Forest School always has to offer.

Some of the children did feel very cold as the temperature dropped for our Forest School session. We go out in all types of weather so if it is particularly cold please ensure the children are wrapped up warm enough and have plenty of layers. We try to squeeze the children's warm winter coats under their waterproofs so as to protect their coats, but also so they stay warm enough. They need layers under their coats too, please refer back to the Forest School letter where Mrs Murray states what is suitable for a really cold day. Many thanks.



In our maths sessions this week the children have been practising counting to 100 and have enjoyed lots of counting songs. We have also introduced the children to 3D shapes and they have been learning their names and some of their properties. I have been encouraging the children to be shape detectives and hunt for 3D shapes in their environment. The boxes in the junk modelling corner have provided us with lots of discussion about 3D shapes.



The children have been learning 'The Christmas Story' with actions. We have been retelling the story using characters and other props. The children know many of the key events now. The children have been extremely busy building Bethlehem too! The children used wooden blocks, play people and other various resources from around the classroom to make Bethlehem and the characters involved in The Nativity. The children have also enjoyed rehearsing our class song and learning the actions. They cannot wait for you to come and watch the Nativity performances!

Thank you for all the lovely leaves which the children have created at home this week. They have enjoyed sharing their achievements and things that they are proud of in class with their peers. We are going to display them proudly on our Celebration Tree. If your child has not completed their leaf yet please don't worry, just send them back into school as soon as they are finished.

It was lovely to see you all again at parents' evening this week. Thank you for coming, it is always lovely to discuss the children's progress and achievements with you.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday and in school on Friday for our Christmas decorating afternoon with parents (there is a separate letter regarding this).

Thank you for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend ☺

Miss Dale