## **Reception Class Weekly Newsletter**

## 1.12.2023.

Hello everyone!

The children in reception class have done some fabulous learning this week!

#### Maths

The children have been recognizing language associated with 2D shapes. This week we have been focusing specifically on triangles and squares.

The children have been describing similarities, differences, and parts of 2D shapes, including the number of sides, number of corners, equal length sides).

**Key Vocabulary**: Circle, triangle, rectangle, square, sides, corners, same, different, length.

Home Learning: Look around your house, what shapes can you see? Please send me pictures on Class DOJO.



This week we have been focussing on the celebration: **Birthdays**.

The children have loved reading and learning about this book throughout the week.

They have been talking about key events, in own lives, about family and friends.

Throughout continuous provision the children have particularly loved: wrapping presents, making birthday cake in the playdough using the candles whilst singing to each other, and writing a shopping list for their party.

Home Learning: Can your child tell you when their birthday is?

#### Phonics

We have learnt all of the phase 2 phonemes and graphemes.

# New Z Sound Mat is <t

We are continuing to practise our blending (reading). E.g. first we say the sounds and blend them together "**s-o-ck**, **sock**".

#### Home learning:

- Please read with your children at home, encouraging them to say the sounds and blend ("squash") the sounds together to read the word.
- Continue to use the fine motor skills activities (provided at parents evening) to develop strength in hands and support children's writing.

#### Our Core text next week:

### Light the Lights!



We will begin our learning of Christmas, recognising the similarities and differences in culture and religion between them and other communities. Important Dates:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>: *Nativity*.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, 9:30am.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: School finishes for Christmas at 3:30pm.

#### **Important Notes:**

- Forest school will be on Wednesday next week.
  However, this can change due to staffing arrangements. If the children can keep their wellies and waterproofs at school this would be much appreciated.
- The weather is getting much colder now, please send your child with appropriate clothing. This includes a warm coat, gloves, scarfs and hats because we will still go out for play/outdoor learning every day.
- **PE** is **Friday morning**. Please bring a PE kit.

#### Awards:

Writer of the week: Zayn

Our value - Peace: Hana

Thankyou for taking the time to read this 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik