

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

8.12.2023.

Hello !

We have had an exciting week in Reception, preparing for the nativity, the Christmas Fair, the arrival of our mischievous elf , whilst lots of fantastic learning! Please read on to see what we have been doing this week.

Maths

The children have continued recognizing language associated with 2D shapes, specifically circles and rectangles.

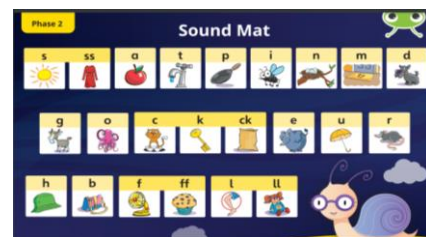
The children have been creating rectangles using different materials (craft straws, lollipop sticks, sticks during outdoor learning) and using the language 'curved line'.

Key Vocabulary: Circle, triangle, rectangle, square, sides, corners, different length, same length, equal, straight line, curve line.

Home Learning: Ask the children to describe shapes in your environment. Encourage them to use the key vocabulary.

Phonics

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

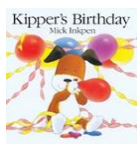


We are continuing to practise our blending (reading). E.g. first we say the sounds and blend them together "s-o-ck, sock".

Home learning:

- Practise the *tricky words*:
to, the, no, go, her, into, I.
- 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 this week:



This week we have been focussing on the celebration: **Hannukah and Christmas.**

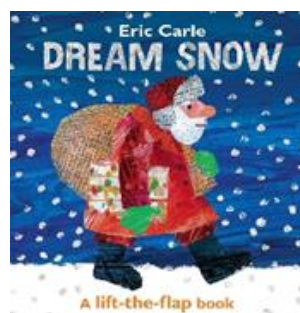
The children have enjoyed this story and explored new vocabulary: Hanukkah, Menorah, gleamed, dawn, decorations.

Throughout continuous provision the children have particularly loved: building and drawing a menorah, creating a Santa using split pins, and searching for tricky words as they look through books.

Home Learning: Discuss what special occasions you celebrate at home and how you celebrate?

Our Core text next week:

Dream Snow!



We will be reading this text which is wrote by Receptions Class Authors, Eric Carle.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday 12th:** *Nativity, 2pm, 6pm.*
- **Wednesday 13th:** *Nativity 6pm.*
- **Tuesday 19th:** *Christmas Party 13:15pm.*
- **Wednesday 20th December:** *Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church, 9:30am.*
- **Wednesday 20th 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/out-door learning every day.
- **PE** is **Friday morning**. Please bring a PE kit.

Awards:

Mathematician of the week: Ben

Our value - Peace: Ivy

Thankyou for taking the time to read this 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik