

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

15.12.2023.

Hello everyone! This is the last newsletter of the Autumn term.

What a busy and festive week we have had.

Thankyou to those parents/carers who came to see the nativity performances this week, the children were amazing! I am a very proud teacher.

Please read on to see what we have been doing this week.

Maths

We have been focusing on understanding positional language.

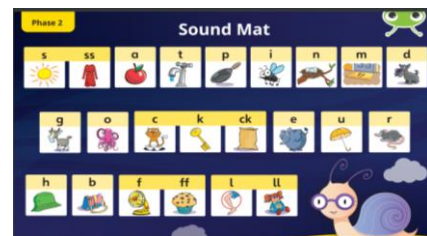
The children have experienced seeing things from different perspectives and describing relative positions.

Home learning: Plenty of experience with construction equipment, jigsaws, following routes indoors and outdoors and searching for hidden objects by following instructions will all help to develop their spatial awareness.

Key Vocabulary: In, on, under, next to, behind, in front of, up, down, across, near, far, forwards, backwards.

Phonics

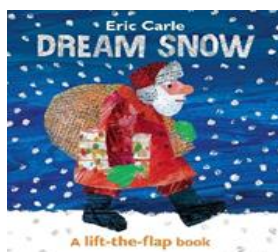
We have consolidated our learning of phase 2. In the new year we will begin phase 3.



Home learning:

- Your child is bringing home a word book. Inside the word book includes the phase 2 tricky words. Children need to know that you cannot sound out the tricky words and we need to recognise them.
- **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: **Christmas**.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this story and explored new vocabulary: dreamed,

Our Core text in the new year:



Important Dates:

- **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.
- **Monday 8th January, 2024:** School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024.
- **Tuesday 16th January 2024:** School Pantomime.

Awards:

Reader of the week: Alfie

Our value - Peace: Hania

Thankyou all for your support during this first term.

I have had a lovely first term at St Mary's in Reception Class!

Enjoy your Christmas celebrations, we hope the children have a lovely break.

See you in the new year!

Merry Christmas & Happy New year!

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik.