

# Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

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Hello everyone and happy new year!

It is lovely to have the children back following our Christmas holiday.

We have had lots of exciting discussions this week, where the children have loved sharing what they have been doing over the holidays.

## Maths

Our math's focus has been counting and understanding zero as an empty set. We began the week reading a story called "Zero" supporting the concept of none. Following this we have been visualizing Zero using hoops, bears and numeral digit cards. We have also been practicing writing the number 0 whilst playing lots of fun games, including the race to 0.

**Key Vocabulary:** Zero, empty, none, nothing, fewer than, more than

**Home learning:** Support your children to confidently recognize zero as nothing or an empty set. When counting use the number 0.

## Phonics

This week we have begun learning our phase 3 phonics. The phonemes (sounds) this week are j and v. The children have practised saying and recognising the phoneme, blending words with our new phonemes and practising writing the graphemes (letters) using the correct formation.

### Correct letter formation:

j- "start in the middle, straight line down, below the line, draw a curl, lift off and dot".

J – "start at the top, straight line down, draw a curl, lift off and draw a little line across".

v – "Start in the middle, slope down, slope up".

V- "Start at the top, slope down, slope up".

### Home learning:

- Engage in activities such as 'I spy' to support children's understanding of initial sounds.
- Please continue to develop your children's fine motor skills, to develop strength in hands and support children's writing.
- Please read with your children at home and make sure they bring their books to school every day.
- Practise their tricky words weekly.

## Our core text this week was:



We have been focussing on seasonal changes.

The children have been thinking and talking about changes they notice and changes over time, based on real experiences and books read to them. They have noticed and discussed the similarities and differences in the natural world.

## Our Core text next week:



**Important Notes:**

- Please help us to promote your child's independence. Encourage them to cut their own food and get dressed independently.
- Please label **ALL** your child's clothes!
- **PE** is **Monday afternoon** and **Friday morning**. Please bring a PE kit.
- **There will be no Forest School next week.**

**Important Dates:**

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** School Pantomime.  
**Children will arrive back at school between 4:15-4:30pm.**

**Awards:**

Reader of the week: Haaris

Our value – Love: Jadon

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik