

Reception Newsletter

17th December 2020

As we reach the end of our first full term, we feel so proud of all our reception children and everything they have achieved.

This week we have been listening to a variety of Christmas stories, including the Nativity. We continued to talk about different Christmas traditions and that not everyone celebrates Christmas. Thank you to all the children that brought in different Christmas books to share with their friends and teachers throughout the week.

The children really enjoyed making Christmas tree decorations, writing Christmas cards and making cookies.

The children enjoyed playing board games and were more confident when taking turns with their friends. Playing board games are great for engaging children whilst helping them to develop their logic, reasoning and social skills, improve critical thinking and boost spatial reasoning.

In maths, we have been learning about time. We talked about activities that we do during the day and at night and we even learnt Makaton signs for day, night and good night. We introduced the notion of a calendar to count the days for a special event such as Christmas or a birthday.

In Forest School, we continued to learn about fire lighting and we roasted marshmallows as an end of term treat.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Look



This week's key vocabulary is:

- Nativity
- Celebration

Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

Holly Class: Solomon

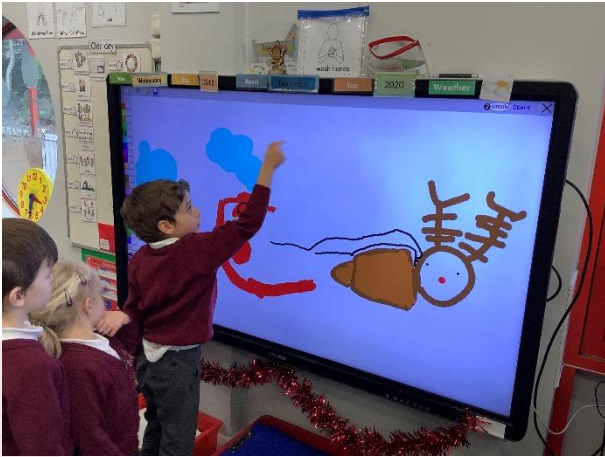
Willow Class: India



Home learning:

- Doodle Maths
- Read green words and ditty sheets daily
- Practise writing
- Play board games

We do expect all children to complete their home learning every week.





NOTICES:

Spring 1 Topic – We will be learning about ‘People who help us’. To support your child’s learning you can talk about people in the community that help us with their jobs as well as enjoying non-fiction books about the topic. We would also appreciate it if you would make a short video talking about your job to be shared in class.

Donations – We are still collecting old (opened) envelopes for our post office role play area.

Practise at home – During the holiday encourage your child to be more independent in everyday tasks such as dressing up, going to the toilet, zipping their coats, etc.

P.E. – On your child’s P.E day they should wear a grey tracksuit (trousers and jumper) and trainers. Please ensure that your child’s PE kit is named.

Holly Class	Willow Class
Thursday	Friday

Reading folder – Children should bring their reading folder to school every day. Books of interest are changed every Thursday and we read with the children throughout the week. Please write a comment about your child’s reading (green words/ditty sheets) daily.

Packed Lunches – Please be aware that we are a nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child’s packed lunch.

Illness – If your child has any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) they need to self-isolate for 10 days or return to school with a negative test result (send a copy of the result to the office).

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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