

Reception Newsletter

16th December 2021

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 sent their Christmas photos to share with their friends and teachers throughout the week.

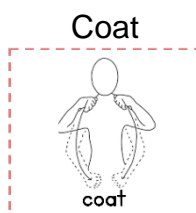
The children really enjoyed making Christmas tree decorations, writing Christmas cards and making cookies.

In Phonics, we reviewed all phonemes and tricky words taught so far. The children enjoyed practising writing sentences independently.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about time and counting down the sleeps until Christmas. The children enjoyed looking at a calendar and crossing out the days.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been cleaning the leaves from our mini-woodland area. The children enjoyed raking up the leaves and jumping on them!

This week's Makaton sign is:



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Distinctive
- Cultivate
- Unite
- Flourish
- Endurance

This week's Number focus:

12

CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Alexander
Alexandra

Home Learning:

- Practise writing CVC words using phonics knowledge (please do not spell or let your child copy words)
- Practise phonics flashcards and reading daily – new phonemes/words given out on Fridays
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task





NOTICES:

Spring 1 Topic – We will be learning about 'Transport'. To support your child's learning you can talk about different means of transport and how we travel from one place to another.

January Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in January or July the class teacher will contact you nearer the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 23rd January.

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).

Water bottles – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

Practice at home – In reception we promote autonomy and independence throughout the day, please practice at home how to open lunch bags, cut food, open yogurt pots and put on coats and bags.

Instagram Account – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.
[@claygate_primary_school_eyfs](https://www.instagram.com/claygate_primary_school_eyfs)

Parent communication – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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