

Reception Newsletter

5th December 2019

Things we have been doing:

- ✚ Reading The Jolly Christmas Postman and writing Christmas cards to post home
- ✚ Discussing time especially our school day and getting ready for school
- ✚ Creating playdough elves
- ✚ Learning about and sharing our own Christmas traditions
- ✚ Challenging ourselves to see how many activities we can do in a minute e.g. star jumps
- ✚ Developing our North Pole role play
- ✚ Writing on a giant envelope to the North Pole
- ✚ Measuring the weight of packages for the Jolly Postman
- ✚ Designing our own holiday wrapping paper
- ✚ Fishing for letters in our water tray
- ✚ Revisiting the phonemes ch, qu, ng and nk
- ✚ Rehearsing for our Christmas play

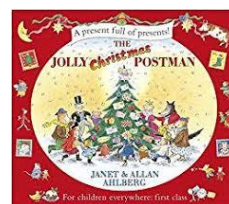
Walk to the post box in Foley Road



We are looking forward to our trip to the post box on Friday 13th December at 9:15 where we will post holiday cards. Could you please remember to send in an addressed envelope with a stamp and your child's name on the back. Thank you for your support with this.

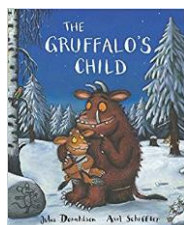
If you would like to volunteer to help us on our trip could you please complete our letter sent out via parent mail or talk to Miss Seale.

This week we read:



The children loved reading about The Jolly Christmas Postman and all of his holiday adventures.

Week commencing 9th December we will be reading:



We will be reading 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. If you can please share and discuss this story at home.

Christmas Performance

The children are looking forward to their first school performance of Christmas Counts on Monday 9th December. We look forward to welcoming you to the performance.

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Next week we will be:

- ✚ Performing Christmas Counts for our families
- ✚ Sorting Christmas stockings into pairs
- ✚ Writing our wish lists and letters to Santa
- ✚ Adding and subtracting within 5
- ✚ Wrapping Christmas presents
- ✚ Making our own Christmas tree decorations
- ✚ Creating snacks for Santa's reindeer on our investigation station
- ✚ Enjoying our winter train small world table
- ✚ Enjoying our Santa's workshop role-plays
- ✚ Counting presents for the Gruffalo's child
- ✚ Reinacting the Nativity on our stage
- ✚ Walking to the post box and sending off our letters

This week please:

Read with your child for five minutes a night. Talk about the pictures and the story they have read so far. Please write a comment in the reading journal.

Talk about time with your child, particularly times when they get up, leave home to go to school, go to bed or have a club etc. Include discussing birthdays and special events and looking at calendars and diaries.

Please help your child to practise blending CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, e.g. peg, sam, dad, lip.

Adventures of Pepper and Patch

Our reception rabbits have had a lovely first term learning with the children. This week they have been loving reading The Jolly Christmas Postman and have been excitedly watching the children post their Christmas cards!



Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumpers

On Friday 13th we will be having our first school Christmas dinner!

We will also be having Christmas jumper day on Friday 13th December and we are asking for a £1 donation.

Phonics Presentation

Thank you for attending our phonics reading presentation on Thursday. We hope that you found it beneficial for your child.