



We will be beginning our new topic Birthdays. The children will be talking about their memories of different birthdays they have been to. The children will be creating their own birthday party in the classroom.

Communication, Language and Literacy



In Literacy the children will be introduced to a new book, 'We're going to find the Monster' by Malorie Blackman. This is a lovely text all about a brother and sister who go on an adventure to find a monster! It has an exciting twist at the end. We will be creating our own text map of the story and rehearsing it. By the end of the week your child should be able to tell you the whole story!



The children will be learning three new sounds this week, z, qu, ch. We will be using the phrase 'diagraph, two letters one sound'. Hopefully they will tell you this at home! The new tricky words we will be learning are go, no, to, and into.

At home: When you're with your child please look for objects beginning with this weeks sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4trkoW7AtsU>



In Maths the children will be learning to identify and understand the quantity of 4 and 5. Match the quantity to the numerical number and subitise (be able to tell you how many without counting) numbers up to 5. We will see what happens when we add one more or take one away from the numbers within 5. We will explore this practically playing a range of games indoors and outdoors.

At Home:

Reminders

- To support the children's independence please can they carry their own belongings into school.
- If you have boxes that we could use on our creative table for 'junk modelling' we would be really grateful.
- For P.E. can we ask that children wear trainers that have velcro straps instead of shoe laces.

from the Reception Team.



We will be continuing with our topic Birthdays. This week the children will be thinking about Advent; a time for getting ready. They will think about how they get ready for different activities for example a picnic, school, swimming and then we talk more about how we can get ourselves ready.

Communication, Language and Literacy



In Literacy we will continue with our text 'We're Going to find the Monster.' The children will continue to rehearse the text everyday as speaking is so important in order to develop good writers. We will also be focussing on the monster. The children will be designing their own monster and labelling its features.



The children will be learning four new sounds this week, sh, th, ng, nk. We will be using the phrase 'diagraph, two letters one sound'. Hopefully they will tell you this at home! The new tricky words we will be learning are she, he ,of, go.

At home: Please look for objects that have this weeks sounds in them.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_9Q0glGzyE



In Maths the children will be learning to identify and understand circles and triangles. They will learn the correct names and be able to use the correct mathematical language of sides, corners, curved, round, circle and triangle.

At Home:

Encourage your child to look for shapes in their environment for example a clock, signs, traffic lights etc

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We will be continuing with our topic Birthdays. This week we will still be thinking about Advent; a time for getting ready. We will introduce the Advent Wreath to the children and talk about its special features. They will learn it is round because it represents Jesus love being continuous. They will also be told about the meaning behind the five candles.

At Home: Encourage your child to tell you the colours of the five candles and what they represent.

Communication, Language and Literacy



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The children will be revisiting all the new sounds they have been learning this half term! They will be reading a range of different words containing these. The new tricky words we will be learning are, we, me, be.

At home: Please watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IL5YUCPyC5I>

Practise reading some simple words using the sounds we have already learnt, for example, cat, can, van, pink, dog etc



In Maths, the children will be finding out about four and five. They will use their super subitising skills to recognise these quantities and explain how they know, for example 'that is four because it has a group of 2 and a group of 2.'

At Home:

Play games with your child involving a dice. Encourage them not to count the spots but to recognise the patterns they see.

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RE Communication, Language and Literacy

This week we will be combining RE and Literacy together. We will be thinking about the Christmas Story. The children will spend the week hearing the story, re-telling it, ordering it and eventually writing a small part of it. We are also busy practising for our nativity play.

At Home: Please look for the Advent Wreath in church this week and talk about what you can see.

Phonics

We will continue to revisit all the new sounds the children have been learning this half term! They will be orally saying and reading a range of different words containing these.

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Practise reading some simple words using the sounds we have already learnt, for example, cat, can, van, pink, dog etc

Maths

In Maths, the children will be continuing to focus on the numbers four and five. This week they will be thinking about one more and one less with these numbers. They will know where these numbers come on a number line and what happens when we add one more or take away one.

At Home:

Talk with your child about numbers 1 – 5. Can they say how they know where the number comes, for example, I know 5 is one more than 4.'

Reminders

- **St Andrew Nativity – Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am**
- **St George Nativity – Tuesday 12th December at 2pm**
- **If you have been asked to bring in a costume for our nativity please can you bring it in, in a named carrier bag. We need these ASAP**
- **If your child has been given words to learn for the play, please can you practise them at home.**

We would love to invite you into our classes on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm to make a Christingle with your child. More details to follow soon.





We will be finishing our topic of Birthdays this week. We gather the children together to have a short Litany of prayer and encourage them to share something they have learnt during this topic.

Communication, Language and Literacy



The children are able to re-tell the Christmas Story really well. We hope they have been sharing it with you at home. As they know the story so well, we will be assessing their writing as we are coming to the end of term. We are also putting the finishing touches to our class nativities. The children are so excited to show you all their hard work! We can't wait to see you.



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In Maths, the children will be looking at shapes with four sides. They will learn the names square, rectangle, corner and side. We have lots of fun things planned!

At Home:

Go on a shape hunt with your child and look for squares and rectangles in the environment. Encourage them to tell you how they know what shape it is. For example, I know it is a square because it has four corners.

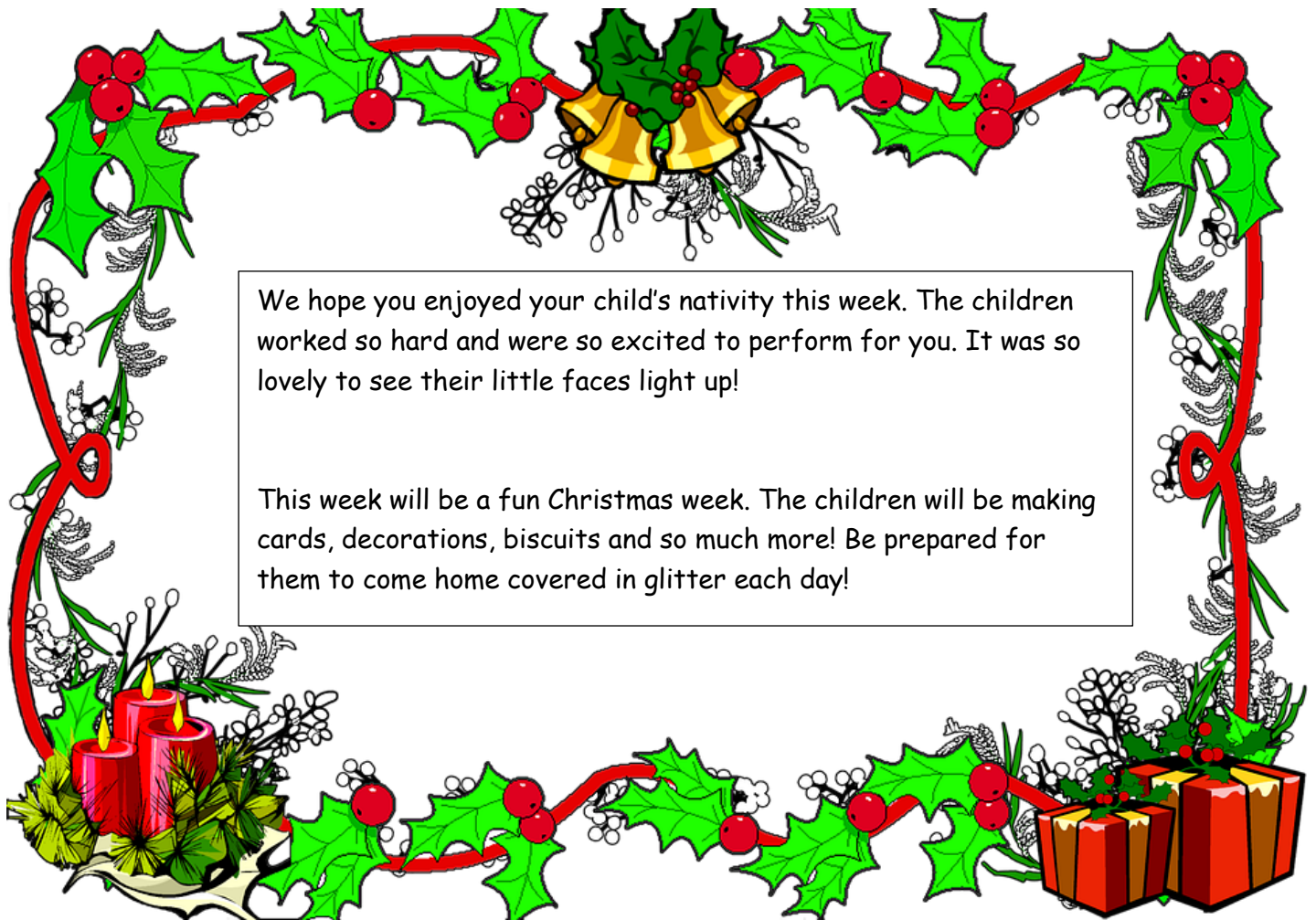
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We are so looking forward to see you at our class Nativity. Please go straight to the office and they will lead you into the hall.

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Friday 15th December 2023



We hope you enjoyed your child's nativity this week. The children worked so hard and were so excited to perform for you. It was so lovely to see their little faces light up!

This week will be a fun Christmas week. The children will be making cards, decorations, biscuits and so much more! Be prepared for them to come home covered in glitter each day!

Please remember you are welcome to come into your child's class on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm to make a Christingle. If you are able to come please arrive at the school office where you will be shown into class. If you have any questions please speak to your class teacher. We can't wait to see you.



