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RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, thank you for your continued support as we continue on, on our education journey. We are fast approaching the time for advent and the children are growing very excited at the prospect of performing their nativity. As a reminder our Nativity will be Tuesday 10th December, save the date!



Religious Education

This week, the children have begun their topic 'Birthdays'. Within this topic children will learn the importance of advent on the build up to Christmas. Next week they will be looking closely at why we celebrate Jesus' birthday and how we do so within the catholic church.

Home Learning Task:

Share with your child the importance of their birthday; this might be through pictures or just discussions.



Phonics

In the world of phonics: We will continue to work following the Little Wandle scheme. We encourage parents to interact with the Little Wandle webpage to further and deepen their understanding of the process of learning phonics. This week, the children have had a focus on digraphs; within the classroom we have repeated the meaning of the word to help children understand what happens when they see 2 letters together.

Home Learning Task:

At home, please go over this week's new tricky words: *go, no, to, into, she, push, he* and *of*. These words need to be learned by sight, as they don't follow typical phonics rules.



Commination, Language and Literacy

In Literacy, we have continued our 'Leaf Man' learning. The children used their knowledge of their environment to decide where Leaf Man could go and what he could see. The children were incredibly creative with this task during the course of the week. Some children decided that Leaf Man would go to the funfair, museum and a few parks too! Next week the children will be creating their



Maths

In Maths, we have continued to consolidate our number knowledge whilst also exploring grouping. In the classrooms we have encouraged children to use their reasoning skills to suggest why a group has more or less than the opposing group.

Home learning task: Engage in number based songs with your child to further immerse them in number.

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own Leaf character and describing their characters in detail.

Home learning task: Continue to read at home with your child. Explore tricky words within their books and encourage them to write a few of these words down too.

Reminders

- Reception Nativity Play Tuesday 10th December 2pm in the school hall.
- Please fill and decorate a jam jar for Christmas. If your child brings one in they will be entered into a raffle to win a prize.
- Please ensure the hats, scarves and gloves your child wears in this cold weather is of the school colours (royal blue or navy blue) we do not want to see any pink, spiderman or batman hats please. Can you also ensure that **ALL are clearly labelled with your child's name**. We have 60 children in Reception so there are hats, scarves and gloves left on the floor all day!

Warm regards, The Reception Team

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