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RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents/carers,

It is not too long now before we shall be wiggling and jiggling our way through the Nativity; we look forward to welcoming you through the doors on the 10th December. We would also like to thank you all for your continued support in helping prepare the children for their Nativity.



Religious Education

Religious Education: This week, the children have begun to think about the importance of Advent; what the word means and how we best prepare ourselves for Jesus' birthday. We have looked at different advent symbols too. In particular an advent wreath; which we shall continue to explore in the coming weeks.

Home learning task: Engage the children in discussions about the story of Christmas and why we celebrate it, can they share their knowledge of the story.



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 engaged in sessions that are focused on assessing their knowledge so far; next week we will be assessing the children formally.

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.

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Literacy: Communication and Language

In Literacy, the children have used their acquired knowledge of character and setting to look closely at the Nativity. Where we have looked at the people that feature and discussed what they do and their importance within the story.

Home learning task: As encouraged within the RE home learning it would be good to engage in conversations about the Christmas story with the children. What can they tell you about the characters specifically.



Maths

In Maths, we continue to encourage children to engage in conversations where they can show their reasoning alongside this we have provided children with opportunities to engage with subsidising tasks to show their developing skill and understanding.

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

Warm regards, The Reception Team

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