



Our topic in reception is Winter and Christmas. Here are some ways you can help support your child's learning at home:



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Personal Social Emotional Development

- We are learning that our actions can affect others. Talk to your child about how their actions can affect others and discuss ways we can deal with our feelings and how we can make others feel better.
- We are learning to take turns in conversation- model this and really praise your child for waiting their turn.

Communication and Language, Literacy

- We will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities! As well as answering questions about the Christmas story.
- We are working hard to speak clearly and correctly. We always speak in full sentences.
- Talk to your child about the story of Christmas- we will be learning lots of new vocabulary gold, frankincense, myrrh ...

Physical Development

- We will be practising forming all of the letters we have learnt so far, encourage your child to form the letters in their name accurately - see formation sheet in phonic folder.
- Ask your child to hold their pencil near the bottom (3 fingers, tri-pod grip)
- Encourage your child to keep practising writing their name- remember all letters start at the top! Can they write their surname?

Maths

- Help your child count forwards and backwards to 10 and beyond. Encourage them to hold each finger up to go with the count.
- We are working with numbers to 5. They must understand what each number represents so always ask them to count out some objects to match the number. We always explore all of the ways to make each number (Number bonds to 5).
- We are learning about addition and subtraction and all of the vocabulary involved - add, total, altogether, plus, sum, equals, makes ...

Understanding the world

- We will be reading stories about winter and discussing winter clothes, activities and the weather. Talk to your child about these things too!
- Help your child to understand the 4 seasons and changes within them.
- We will continue to chant the days of the week and the months of the year every day - what day is it today? Yesterday? Tomorrow?
- We will be talking about our favourite Christmas stories and how the traditional Christmas story has been around for a long time - talk to your child about your favourite Christmas story.

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will be doing lots of Christmas crafts! Talk to your child about the symbols and images associated with Christmas.
- We will be learning to sing the songs for our Nativity really encourage your child to sing the songs they have been learning at school.

Things to remember:

Fri 10th - Xmas Jumper Day - more information to follow ☺

Monday 13th - Our Nativity Performance at 2pm - more information to follow

Wednesday 15th - Pantomime trip - Beauty and the Beast - see information provided - No PE - Uniform Day

Thursday 16th - Christmas Party - come to school dressed! Non uniform Day

Friday 17th - Xmas dinner day

Keep going through your sound book, playing I spy, blending/ segmenting CVC words, learn to read the tricky words as whole words. Sounds learned so far ☺ Phase 2 - s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck, e,u,r,h,b,f,l, ss, ff, ll,

