



Heyhouses Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 7

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This Week

Our story focus has been *The Christmas Pine* by Julia Donaldson which is based on the true story of how the country of Norway gifts a pine tree to The United Kingdom each year, which is displayed in Trafalgar Square in London at Christmas time. This story inspired our Drawing Club lessons, with the children drawing their own magical Christmas trees with twinkling lights and colourful baubles.

The children have also been busy writing letters to Santa to inform him about what our cheeky school elf has been up to. Each child has also created their own Christmas card to bring home to their family. Thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper Day and Elf Dash on Friday.

Phonics

This has been a review week to ensure the children are familiar with all the sounds learnt so far and to practise applying their phonic skills in reading and writing activities.

Please return any school reading books by Thursday next week. We will not be sending reading books home over the Christmas Break.

Maths

Focus: Weight

The children have been using their hands as well as balance scales to find out the weight of a variety of objects. They have been comparing weights using the vocabulary 'heavier', 'heaviest', 'lighter' and 'lightest'.

Home challenge:

Encourage your child to use weighing scales when measuring out ingredients.

Next Week.....

Wednesday 17th December – Reception Christmas party day. Children to wear party clothes, however, please still bring warm clothes and sensible shoes for going outside in.

Friday 19th December is the last Day of Term so school finishes early for The Christmas Break. Reception children need to be collected at **2.25p.m.** Please note, the last day of term is NOT toy day for Reception children unlike the juniors.

