



## **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** **This week in Reception**

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Reception. This week we will be learning about the Christmas story and starting some Christmas activities.

Update on our post office trip- hopefully letters have started to arrive. There will be a news article on the school website with photos. It is ready to go but there was a glitch uploading it last week. Look out for it this week.

### **Phonics** Phonic focus for this week

ee ur ow  
wh y au  
This week we will be learning the sounds: **sh, th and ng**. We will also be learning some new tricky words: **all, was**.

### **Maths**

This week we will be focusing on counting and recognising numbers. We will also complete a number of Numicon Christmas challenges.



### **What can you do at home?**

1. Please help your child practise the sounds and make sure the sound book is in their book bag the following Thursday so the new sounds can be stuck in.
2. Practise reading the tricky words we have covered. Mini flashcards are at the back of your child's sound book and you can look for the tricky words in books.
3. **Please listen to/read with your child and make comments in the reading record each time you read together.** Please keep this in their book bags each day as we regularly check these and update them once we have allocated a new reading book. Ideally your child should be reading with you five times a week, including practising their word list if they have one.
4. Keep practising name writing using the school script and other letters.
5. Practise counting, recognising numbers to 20 and beyond and find the total of two sets of objects.



### **Action points**

★ **Show & Tell this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December will be group 3.** The theme is '2D shapes'. The children could go on a shape hunt and take photos, make a shape mobile or draw a shape picture. Be as creative as you like. The children need to be able to name the shapes- square, rectangle, circle, triangle, and may want to include hexagon, pentagon and octagon- and describe them, (number of sides and corners.) **There will be no show and tell on the last Friday of term.**

★ **Christmas Party-** Reception class will have a party on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. There will be more details later this week. We will be asking parents to sign up to bring in a food contribution. We also have some extra Thursday morning jobs to prepare games and gifts. If you are able to help this Thursday morning, please let us know.

★ Next week we will be collecting in all library books for the Christmas holidays.

★ We are all very excited about the Nativity on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. All children need to be at the church by 5:50pm and they must be in school uniform. Thank you.

If you have any concerns please feel free to come and chat to one of us.

*Reception Team*

