



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

### **This week in Reception**

This week we will be completing lots of Christmas themed activities. The children will be go to the church to meet Rev Sally and learn more about the Nativity story.

This Wednesday it is the KS1 and Reception Nativity service at St Stephen's Church. Please can all children arrive at 5.50 prompt for a 6.00pm start. It is a magical service and all parents and carers are welcome.

On Thursday we are going to Windsor Theatre for the pantomime. Information has been sent out about the trip but please ask if you have any questions.

### **Phonics** Phonics

ee ur ow  
wh y au

This week we will introduce the digraph 'oo' (long sound) and the tricky word 'said'. We will also focus on blending and segmenting cvc and ccvc words.

### **Maths**

We will practise recognising and using coins. We will also complete some Christmas maths activities.



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

1. Please keep practising the sounds we have learnt so far.
2. Practise reading and writing the tricky words we have covered. Focus on the first six- I, no, go, to, into, the. When your child knows them move onto he, be, she, we, me and then the more recently introduced tricky words.
3. Keep practising name writing using the school script and other letters, in particular 'c', 'a', 'd', 'g', 'o'- caterpillar letters 'i', 'l', 'j'- ladder letters 'r', 'h', 'n', 'm'- one armed robot letters as we are focusing on them in class. We are also practising 'e' and 's' which are challenging letters. Please make sure your child is always holding their pencil with a 'snappy fingers' grip.
4. Practise saying the alphabet and ordering the alphabet using either flashcards or an alphabet puzzle.
5. Practise counting, recognising numbers to 20 in and out of order and beyond.
6. Practise finding one more and one less than a given number to 10 with objects. If your child can do this, can they calculate one more or one less in their heads?
7. Keep up the independent dressing, turning clothes the right way and zipping up coats.

### **Action points**

★ There is no more show and tell this term. The first Show & Tell in the new year will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January for Group 1. The theme will be Winter. Your child could paint or make a picture or take photos on a winter walk and bring them to show. Be as creative as you like! Group 2 will be 24<sup>th</sup> January and Group 3, 31<sup>st</sup> January.

★ Please can you let one of us know if your child has not received their letter after the post office trip.

★ Reception Christmas party- We will be having a Christmas party on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. There is more information outside the classroom door. Please sign up if you are able to supply some food.

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

*Reception Team*