



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

### **This week in Reception**

This week we will be completing lots of Christmas themed activities. The children will be making stables and nativity characters.

This Tuesday 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 Friday we plan to celebrate the end of the term with a Christmas party. There is a sheet outside the classroom with all the information. Please sign up if you are able to supply some food.

This week we will be changing the reading books and giving the children an extra book for the holidays.

### **What can you do at home during the Christmas holidays?**

1. Please keep practising the sounds we have learnt so far.
2. Practise reading and writing the tricky words we have covered. We will be sending out a sheet to show you what your child already knows and which words they need to continue practising.
3. Please keep up with reading.
4. Practise reading the high frequency words we will be sending home on Thursday.
5. Keep practising name writing using the school script and other letters, in particular 'c', 'a', 'd', 'g' and 'o' as we are focusing on them in class. PLEASE make sure your child is always holding their pencil with a 'snappy fingers' grip.
6. Practise counting, recognising numbers to 20 in and out of order and beyond.
7. 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?
8. Keep up the independent dressing, turning clothes the right way and zipping up coats.

### **Action points**

★The first Show & Tell will be on Friday 12<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 19<sup>th</sup> January and Group 3, 26<sup>th</sup> January.

★Please bring PE kits back on the first day of term.

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

★ Please keep old used Christmas cards and send in the fronts after the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

There is a good website for book recommendations if you are interested:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

This term has flown by! We have really enjoyed working with all the children this term and thank you for all your support.

We wish you all a lovely Christmas Holiday 😊 *Reception Team*

