



# Reception Newsletter



Wow, we cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first term! Time has flown and the children have already achieved so much this year. We are so proud of how well they have settled into school life, adapted to the rules and routines and how enthusiastic they are with their learning.

























We hope you all enjoyed watching our Nativity this week. The children were so excited to share our performances with you and they were so brave performing to such a large audience. It was so lovely to see how confident they were on stage. We are so proud of them.

This will be our last EYFS Newsletter of the Autumn term, so we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your all your support and wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year with your family and friends.

## IMPORTANT - End of Term Phonics Assessments

Over the last week, we have assessed all the children on how well they have retained the Phonics sounds and tricky words that we have learnt so far this year (please see the full list of phonics sounds and tricky words, that the children are expected to know at this point in the year, at the bottom of this page). **If there are any phonic sounds or tricky words that your child isn't quite able to remember yet, they will bring home a personalised sheet (inside of their yellow reading diary) next week for you to continue practising at home over Christmas.**

If your child is unable to write their name independently, we will also include some name writing practise sheets inside their reading folder. Please do spend some time practising all of these over the Christmas holidays in preparation for next term. It is fundamental that the children know their phonic sounds and tricky words in order to progress in reading and writing.

 Sounds Mat 1	s  sun	a  apple	t  tap	i  insect	p  pan
n  net	m  mouse	d  dog	g  goat	o  octopus	c  cat
k  kite	ck  duck	e  elephant	u  umbrella	r  rabbit	h  hat
b  bat	f  frog	ff  cliff	l  ladder	ll  shell	ss  dress

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# Our learning next half term...

## In Phonics we will be learning...

- Sounds **j** and **v**
- Sorting **j** and **v** objects and letters
- Reading and writing CVC words containing the sounds **j** and **v** e.g. jam, vet, jog, jug, van
- Writing simple sentences with a capital letter, finger space and full stop  
e.g. I can see a van. The van is red.

## In Maths we will be...

- Presenting quantities
- Recognising and matching numerals
- Exploring dice and dice frames
- Counting, ordinality and cardinality
- Comparing and partitioning
- Ordering numbers according to the number sequence

## Communication and Language

To develop the children's communication, language and vocabulary, each week we introduce two new words related to our topic. In the first week back our words of the week will be:

**Habitat**

**Polar**

Please do discuss these at home with your child and encourage them to use them verbally in sentences.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Can I put my coat on and zip/button it up independently?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O77acdYfsoU>

## Understanding the World

Our topic for next half term will be **Habitats**.

We will be learning about:

- Polar Regions
- Rainforest
- Grasslands and Safari
- Woodlands
- Under the Sea

In the first week back, the children will take part in a melting and freezing experiment.

## RE

**Galilee to Jerusalem** – I know the Wise Men visited Jesus.

**Have a lovely Christmas! See you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** 😊