



# Reception Newsletter



## Our learning next week...

### In Phonics we will be...

- Sounds: **h** and **b**
  - Letter formations: **h** and **b**
  - Sorting **h** and **b** objects and letters
  - Blending words: mum, dad, bed, mug, pup
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- Literacy – The Gingerbread Man

### In Maths we will be...

- Practicing counting to 20 aloud
- Comparison of quantities
- More than
- Fewer than
- Retrieval Practice: Circles and Triangles

### Understanding the World

This week we learnt all about Diwali and the celebrations that take place.

**On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we will have a traditional tales themed day. The children can come into school dressed in traditional tales themed dressing up clothes.**

On this day, the children will take part in lots of immersive activities based on our story of the week: The Gingerbread Man, including baking their own Gingerbread Men and acting out the story.

### RE

**Prophecy and Promise:** Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger.

### Promoting Independence

As we enter the winter months, we are continuing to encourage independence, perseverance, and resilience in the classroom. This includes encouraging the children to take care and look after their belongings, put their coats and jumpers on independently, including the difficult task of turning the sleeves the right way!

Please continue to show your child how to turn their sleeves and put their coats and jumpers on independently. Turning this into a fun game when you are leaving home is a great way to get the practise in! Thank you!

## Outdoor Area

We are still looking to improve our outdoor provision and we are on the hunt for some natural resources. If you would like to donate any natural resources, we would really appreciate it.

## Christmas Nativity

Today, your child will bring home their Nativity tickets for your chosen performance. We have provided each family with two tickets to your preferred date.

Unfortunately, we were hoping to issue additional tickets, but we were inundated with requests and due to the capacity of the church, we are unable to offer additional tickets on this occasion. Recordings of performances are allowed so you can share privately with your extended family and friends. In line with the agreement signed before your child started school, videos and photos are **not** to be shared on social media.

Today, your child will come home with an envelope containing their tickets, parts and any additional costume requirements from home if applicable.

Throughout December, we will be practising both in the classroom and at the Church. We will have a dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December and will perform our Nativity to the rest of the school. **To make it easier for the children when getting changed, could we kindly ask that you send your child into school wearing their PE kits on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Once all our performances are finished, we will all walk back to school and get changed back into our PE kits before being dismissed from school as usual.

Please bear with us whilst we support the children with getting changed. Thank you!

## Dates for Your Diaries

School Closed	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Last day of Autumn term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

Have a lovely weekend 😊