

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will be sharing the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', one of our Favourite Five stories. We will be encouraging the children to retell the story using small world resources and encouraging them to use their imagination to create their own alternatives, such as 'We're going on a Fairy Hunt' or 'We're going on a monster hunt.' We can't wait to hear the children's creative ideas! We will also be learning about the artist Kandinsky and creating art using circles. We will continue rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity ahead of performances on Monday 4th December (2:15pm) and Tuesday 5th December (9:15am).

Christmas Nativity: - One week to go! Please can you continue practising your child's lines with them at home (if they have any). This will really help our rehearsals to run quickly and smoothly. When bringing in your child's nativity costume (by 27th Nov), please put it in a named bag.

Phonics: - We will be recapping all the phonemes that we have learnt so far and applying our knowledge to read and write words containing them. Please ensure you are reading at home every day, even if it is only a page, and signing the reading record every time your child reads to you.

Maths: - We will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting - to find out 'how many' objects there are. We will revisit the concept of 1:1 correspondence by making sure that children match collections of objects to their representations. They will develop their understanding of the concept of cardinality - that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether - and begin to apply this concept to count more abstract things, such as claps and jumps. The children will also begin to explore verbal counting to larger numbers. We will be counting together to numbers larger than 20.

At home you could:

- Practise zipping up your coat.
- Practise counting aloud to 20 and beyond - you could do this orally whilst walking to school or using items at home such as pieces of pasta.
- Look for circles in the environment in preparation to learn about Kandinsky next week.

Diary Dates: -

Monday 27th November - Nativity costumes due in, in named bag please

Thursday 30th November - Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for children with parental permission

Friday 1st December - Mufti Day (no uniform day) for donations for FoML Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December - FoML Pre-loved uniform email and collect day

Monday 4th December 2.15pm - Year R Christmas Performance (young children welcome)

Tuesday 5th December 9.15am - Year R Christmas Performance

Wednesday 6th December 10.00am - Rock Steady Concert - Invitations sent to parents by Rock Steady

Friday 8th December 2.30 pm - Drama Tree Performance for parents of children who attend Drama Tree

Notice:

- Just a reminder once children have been dismissed, they should wait for the rest of the class to leave before coming back into the classroom if they need something.
- Please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day.

Have a lovely weekend,  
**The Reception Team**