

## Week commencing 11.12.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it's been! The children have been thrilled to finally perform their nativity to their grown-ups and have loved making their own Christmas nativity scene, stained glass windows in RE. In English the children have been creating their own Christmas poem using the story 'Katie's London Christmas' as inspiration.

**English:** We will be reading the story 'Cookie's Christmas Invention' and will be designing our own machine to help Santa deliver presents. We will also be writing a letter to Santa to tell him about our new invention.

**Phonics:** We will be recapping all the sounds we have been learning this term. The children will be reading and writing words and sentences using these sounds. We will also be continuing to conduct an end of term phonics assessment with the children.

**Maths:** We will be recapping 2D and 3D shapes and will be using shapes to create a Christmas picture.

**Christmas Activities:** We have a number of different Christmas related activities planned for the children next week so please make a note of the days and what your children will need to bring along.

**Monday:** Children are in for a special treat as they will have an opportunity to watch a pantomime in school.

**Wednesday:** We will be having a cosy Christmas movie afternoon and the children can bring along a soft toy and we will provide the children with popcorn and squash.

**Thursday:** We will have our Christmas party on Thursday afternoon so the children can come into school in their party clothes, but please be mindful that they will be wearing these clothes and shoes whilst playing inside and outside. Children can bring along a healthy snack to eat during our party. Please make sure the box is labelled and the items are all nut, dairy, egg, and sesame free as we do have children with allergies.

### At home you could:

- Please continue to read with your child for 10 minutes every day and remember to also write in their reading records.
- Continue recapping the phonics sounds using the booklets at the back of your reading records.
- Find different 2D and 3D items in the house and try and sort them into different groups based on their properties.

### Diary Dates:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Morning - FoML Pantomime for Year R and Year 1 in school

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.30am - Rock Steady Concert - Invitations sent out to parents by Rock Steady

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Movie Afternoon - children can bring a soft toy into school.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 Christmas party (Children to come into school in party clothes)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - End of Autumn Term - EARLY FINISH 1pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** - Inset Day

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** - Start of Spring Term

### PE

All classes will have their last Multi Sport session this Thursday and we will send all PE kits home on Friday.

### Library

All the library books have now been collected and the children will be getting their new books after half term.

Finally the Year 1 team would like to say a huge thank you for all your support during this first term in Year 1. The children have all settled into their new year group and we are all looking forward to another exciting term ahead.  
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you  
The Year 1 team