



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, we will be having a fun-filled few days celebrating the lead up to Christmas! The children will take part in some Christmas activities in the classroom, watch a pantomime, enjoy a Christmas lunch, and celebrate with a year group party.

**Phonics:-** Our focus this week will be the HRSWs (Harder to Read and Spell Words) taught so far. We will be playing a range of games with the children to support their knowledge of recognising and writing the HRSWs.

**Maths:-** Next week, we will continue to recap some of our maths learning from the year so far, with a focus on number work. The children will practise number recognition and number formation, as well as 1:1 correspondence when counting.

**Library:-** After Christmas, all three classes will be attending their library slot each week:

Cygnets – Monday                      Gosling – Tuesday                      Duckling – Friday

The children will choose a book from the library to bring home. They will need to return this book the following week during their library slot in order to choose a new book to take home.

### **RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On Thursday, we will be having our Reception Christmas party. The children are allowed to wear **party clothes** on this day, but please be mindful that they will be wearing these clothes and shoes whilst playing inside and outside. We are also inviting the children to bring a **party snack**. This could be a biscuit, packet of crisps or something else small for them to enjoy (nut, egg, and sesame free please). You only need to provide a snack for your own child, and they will be eating this snack after lunch, so they won't need anything too big!

### **At home you could:-**

- Encourage your child to write some Christmas cards using HRSWs "to" and "love"
- Practise putting gloves on independently
- Snuggle up and watch a Christmas film together – the children have done so well the past few weeks and are very tired!

### **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** – Rocksteady Concert (10:30am: Invitations sent to parents by Rock Steady)

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year R Christmas Party (children to come into school in party clothes)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – End of term – EARLY FINISH: 1.00pm

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

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

Thank you  
**Reception Team**

