

Reception -

We have had an extremely busy week in Reception! We thoroughly enjoyed performing our Christmas Assembly on Thursday and our teachers are very proud of us for singing so beautifully and remembering when we needed to say our lines. In our classroom, we have participated in lots of Christmas activities and had fun finding out what our cheeky elf has been getting up to!

In Maths we have explored 2d shapes and tried hard to describe them to our friends and teachers using words such as: sides, corners, curved, straight etc.

We have also been doing some assessment activities and showing our teachers all the things we have learnt during our first term at school.

Next week we are looking forward to wearing our Christmas jumpers on Tuesday and having our first Christmas lunch at school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team

HOMEWORK

Reading at least 5 times a week and practising sounds and words, and reading diary signed and dated.

Year 1 -

This week the children have been using their writing skills to write sentences about Santa, the elves and Rudolph. They have worked hard to sound out their words independently using their phonic skills, doing their best to include a capital letter and full stop for each sentence.

As part of our English and RE curriculum we have been learning the story of the first nativity and writing our own simple version.

We have been busy practising the songs for our Christmas play and we look forward to presenting it to you this Friday!

In Maths we have been practising counting in ones, twos, fives and tens as well as solving addition and subtraction calculations using a number line or 100 square

As always thank you for doing the reading homework. Please try and ensure that your child has read four or more times in order to be in with a chance of winning the reading challenge.

Please continue to practise the 100 words in the back of the reading diary. If your child is able to read all 100 words confidently, please can you begin to practise spelling them.

Thank you for the donations towards Christmas cooking and crafts, we are planning some fun activities for the last week of term.

Thank you for all your support.

HOMEWORK

Reading: at least 4 times a week and reading diary signed and dated.

Year 2 -

This week in Maths we have practised skills that we have been taught during the term. We have continued practised adding and subtracting numbers, using the greater and less than symbols and recalling the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

We have now finished reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. We enjoyed it so much that we decided to write book reviews of the story. We learnt how to plan what we wanted to write and used our plans to write our book reviews. We tried hard to remember capital letters, full stops, noun phrases, conjunctions and different types of sentences in our work.

The children have felt very excited about performing our Christmas concerts this week. They have worked extremely hard and we hope that you enjoyed watching them as much as the children enjoyed taking part. Thank you for all the support that you gave them in helping them to learn their words.

The children will find out who won the Reading Homework Challenge next week as we didn't have an assembly on Thursday or today because of our Christmas concerts.

Homework

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated. Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

Spellings:

We will not learn any new alternative spellings of phonemes next week but will revise the ones that we have learnt this term.