

Reception -

This week in Reception we performed our Christmas production and the Reception Team would like to say a huge well done to all the children and we hope you enjoyed the performance. We have done some lovely Christmas activities this week including making Christmas cards, making Christmas hats for our scrummy Christmas dinner we had on Wednesday.

Our new Topic in January will be Space, so if you would like to research any facts over the holidays please feel free to do so.

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas from all the Reception Team.

HOMEWORK

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

Please practise Optima sounds and words. Practise pencil grip and name writing.

Year 1 -

This week in Year 1 we have been practising everything that we have taught this term in both English and Maths. We have been practising our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, telling the time, halving shapes and adding and subtracting numbers.

In English we have written to Father Christmas about the two elves that have been very cheeky in our classrooms.

The children were very excited at the beginning of the week and it certainly got them all ready for the festive season.

We were very proud of the children for their singing in both Christmas performances this week and hope you all enjoyed it if you were lucky enough to attend!

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Year 2 -

This week in Maths we have practised skills that we have been taught during the term. We have also learnt about halving numbers within 20 and have linked that knowledge to doubling numbers. We have discovered that if we know that half of 10 is 5 we also know that double 5 is 10. We have been practising our recall of doubles and halves so that we can quickly respond to questions.

In English, as part of our grammar work, we have continued learning about conjunctions and how these link two sentences, or parts of sentences together. We have already learnt about and, but and or and this week we have learnt about the conjunction because.

We have now finished reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. We enjoyed it so much that we decided to write a book review 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 you gave them in helping them to learn their words.

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: Please continue to practise the phoneme/graphemes below:

Sycamore:

Cheetahs (Team 1) prefix be - e.g. begin, below, belong

Lions (Team 2) ph e.g. phone, dolphin, alphabet

Tigers (Team 3) qu e.g. quick, quit, quack

Willow:

Cheetahs - suffix dge/ge - e.g. large, charge, sledge

Giraffes - air e.g. chair, fair, airport

Elephants - or e.g. sort, born, storm