

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been learning the sounds **ai**, **igh**, **ee** and **or**. We have learnt the word 'my' and 'was' and revised all the tricky star words taught so far. We have also been continuing to encourage the children's skills in blending the sounds to read words using their word boxes and literacy based games. Please continue to practise blending sounds with your child, listening carefully for the word they can hear. Please ensure that you sign in your reading diary book once your child has completed their reading book at home in order for their book to be changed.

In Numeracy, we have been continuing to use mathematical vocabulary including equals and add when adding two groups of objects together. We have also had a focus on finding 'one more' and 'one less' than a given number, using number lines as support.

Next term our Topic will be, 'The World of Wonder!' We will start by thinking about wintry worlds and will explore the children's questions through enquiry learning. We will be encouraging the children to develop their enquiry and questioning skills and ask that the children think of at least one question linked to their interests and bring their question back to school next week. We will use our enquiry afternoon sessions to explore the children's questions further. Please see the separate enquiry learning letter. During this topic, we will research further information, conduct exciting experiments, carry out investigations and learn more about the amazing wintry world around us.

Reception Christmas party is on Wednesday 18th December during the afternoon. We ask if Mrs Rothwell's class could each provide a few bags of crisps or savoury snacks (nut free) and Miss Mason's class bring something sweet for us to share at the party. Fruit and drinks will be provided by school. (Children will have their lunch as usual; the party is just a snack.)

On Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 19th December, it is our school carol service at St. John's Church. RM will go to church on Wednesday 18th December and RR will go to church on Thursday 19th December? Unfortunately, once the children and staff from school are assembled in the church there is no room for parents. We will walk to and from the church with our Year 6 Buddies. Each Reception child will hold the hand of a Year 6 child and will walk nearest to the wall as they walk along the footpaths. It would help us if you could talk to your child about road safety and the importance of holding hands and walking sensibly to church. Please ensure that they wear a warm, waterproof coat with a hood and suitable footwear (wellies or boots if it is rainy or snowy). If you have any concerns that your child is unable to manage the walk, please let us know and we can arrange for you to bring them to school at 12 noon.

Dates for Your Dairy

Wednesday 11th December – Reception Christmas Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 18th December – Reception/Key Stage 1 Christmas Party. Children can bring party clothes in a bag.

Wednesday 18th December – RM will go to St. John's Church


Thursday 19th December – RR will go to St. John's Church

Friday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day – Last day of term – finish at 3.10pm

Our 'Talking Topic' this week is:

Many thanks

The Reception Team



"How to walk safely to church..."