

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds ai, ee, igh and oa. We have also been recapping the double letter sounds that we have learnt so far. We have learnt the words 'are' and 'my' and revised all the tricky star words taught so far. Your child now has the Phase 3 set of high frequency words in their orange High Frequency word box. We have also been practising segmenting the sounds in words to spell and write by using our robot arms to hear the first, middle and final sounds in each word.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about time and finding out about night and day. We sorted night and day pictures and ordered key events in their daily routines and practised using language to describe when events happen e.g. day, night, morning, before, after, today and tomorrow.

In our topic sessions this week we have been learning all about Christmas, what this celebration means and why we celebrate Christmas. We have enjoyed creating our very own Christmas trees and explored Purple Mash to fit together the Christmas jigsaw pieces together against the timer. You could have a go at this at home.

As we were unable to do our usual Reception Christmas assembly in our school hall this year, we have filmed a short Christmas video for you to watch which is on our school website. We hope you enjoy it!

This week the children have enjoyed completing their sponsored reindeer run wearing our antlers and red noses. Thank you to everyone who has sent a donation to our Just Giving page so far. All money raised from our sponsored reindeer run will go to Overgate Hospice.

Thank you for sending back your child's Wintry World's enquiry learning question. If you have not sent your question back then please send it into school next week.

We have now moved our children's online learning journey's to Seesaw and you should now have received an email inviting you to link up to this which was sent on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not done so already, please enable your child's profile which will be updated weekly with observations of what your child has been doing at school along with next steps that your child can work on at home. Please keep logging in each week to keep yourself updated on your child's learning. If you have any questions about Seesaw please let us know via your child's home/school book.

Raffle tickets are available for the chance to win a Festive Food hamper, Festive Drinks hamper or a Christmas cake. Tickets are available to buy for £1 each. Thank you!

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December it will be our YR parent/teacher consultations. A member of our YR team (Mrs Rothwell, Miss Mason or Mrs Hirst) will aim to telephone you during your specified time slot. We look forward to speaking to you then to discuss your child's attainment, progress and next steps.

The Reception Christmas party is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December during the afternoon. The children can wear their party clothes on this day. The children will have their lunch as usual; the party food is just a snack.

### Dates for Your Dairy

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Reception Christmas Party (pm)**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper / non-uniform day (suggested donation of £1 to support Save the Children) and school closes for Christmas**

Our 'Talking Topic' this week is:  
Many thanks  
The Reception Team



I can tell you my  
favourite time of the  
day and why.