

Reception Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been recapping the digraph sounds **sh**, **th**, **ng** and **nk** and the tricky words that we have learnt so far. We have been focusing on words with an 's' at the end e.g. **sits**, **hats** and **gets**. We have learnt that some words that have an 's' at the end, make a 'z' sound e.g. **his** and **bags**. We have learnt the tricky words '**we**,' '**me**,' and '**be**' and revised all the tricky words taught so far. Please keep encouraging your child to practise reading the tricky words taught so far in their orange high frequency word box. We have been practising forming the letters 'i' and 'j' and worked very hard to ensure that our letters sit on the line and formed correctly using the letter formation phrase to help them.



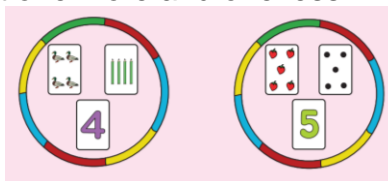
Down the iguana and dot the leaf.



Down the jellyfish and dot its head.

In Numeracy, we have been exploring finding different representations of 4 and 5. We have been practising saying the number names 'one' to 'five' and matched the verbal number names to numerals and quantities. The children counted 4 and 5 objects and practised touching each object as they counted to support their one-to-one correspondence. We noticed that the final number that we said in each set tells us the total number of objects in the set. You could encourage your child at home by asking them to collect 4 or 5 things and bring them back to you. Throughout our maths learning this week, we asked different mathematical questions such as 'How many are there altogether?' 'How many did you count?' 'How many different ways can you find 4/5?' 'Where can you see 4/5?'

Next week we will be learning about one more and one less.



This week in our topic sessions we have been learning all about the traditional Christmas story. We learnt about the meaning of Christmas and why this special time is celebrated. We are looking forward to visiting St John's Church for our Christmas Carol Service next week.

This week our class reader is: **Stickman**

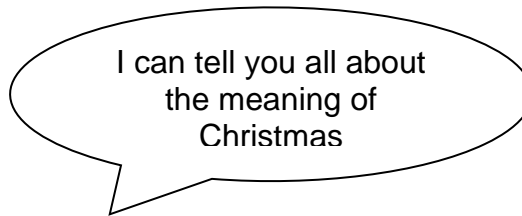


Please click on the link below to share our song from this week with your child.

[Away in a Manger](#)

Our word of the week is: **Christian**

Following on from our learning about the meaning of Christmas, our talking topic is:



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 18th December- Reception Christmas Party (Children can come into school wearing their party clothes and any food contributions can be brought in on that day. Please remember that we are a nut free school)

Tuesday 19th December – Reception will go to St. John's Church

Thursday 21st December – Christmas jumper / non-uniform day and school closes for Christmas

Many thanks

Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell

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