

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 letter 'f' and worked very hard to ensure that our letters sit on the line and are formed correctly using the letter formation phrase to help us.

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 recapping and consolidating our learning of one more and one less within 10. We will also be working on individual targets with the children to support their next steps.



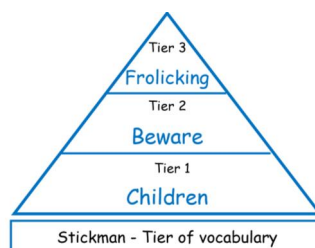
In our topic sessions this week we have been learning all about Christmas, what this celebration means and why we celebrate Christmas. We have enjoyed creating our very own Christmas trees and Christmas jumpers using the 'Topmarks' website. You could have a go at this at home. You will find the activities on the Topmarks site at [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk).

Thank you for coming to watch our Reception Christmas Spectacular on Wednesday and we hope you enjoyed the show. The children have worked very hard to remember all of the words in the songs along with speaking parts and we are so proud of them. Well done everybody! A recording of the Reception Christmas Spectacular is on Seesaw for you to enjoy and for anyone that was not able to join us.

Our class reader this week is: **Stick Man**



Here are the key words below that we have been exploring with the children this week during our class reader sessions.



Please click on the link below to share this week's song with your child.

[Little Snowflake](#)

We hope that you are enjoying Seesaw so far. Please keep logging in each week to keep yourself updated on your child's learning and any next steps for them to work on. If you have any questions about Seesaw please let us know via your child's home/school book.

Please can we remind all parents/carers to let us know via your child's home/school book or an email to the school office in the morning if there is a change of your child's after school arrangements. If someone new is collecting your child or they are attending an after school club on a day that they do not normally attend then we will need to be informed. Please supply us with a name, description and password of anybody new collecting your child. If this information is not passed onto the class teacher, we will be unable to let your child go until we have made the necessary checks. Thank you for your support with this matter.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, it is our school carol service at St. John's Church. 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 pavements. 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 your child to stay in school with another class.

Thank you to Joseph's mum who was our Mystery Reader this week. The children waited in anticipation to find out who their Mystery Reader was and thoroughly enjoyed listening to her story. We can't wait to find out who it will be next time?

#### **Dates for Your Dairy**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December-Carols around the tree at 4:30pm**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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)**

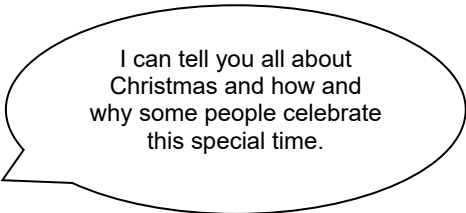
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Reception will go to St. John's Church**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper / non-uniform day and school closes for Christmas**

Our 'Talking Topic' this week is:

Many thanks

The Reception Team



I can tell you all about  
Christmas and how and  
why some people celebrate  
this special time.