

Reception Newsletter



Friday 11th December 2020

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners) **Ambitious** (be the best you can be)

This week

Reception have been getting into the festive season over the last few weeks. They have enjoyed being part of some of the festive traditions of the school such as Christmas lunch and the tree dressing assembly. This week, we have been making Christmas cards, thinking about design ideas. The children have taken something 'everyday' like a pet or a favourite toy and 'christmassed' it up! The children selected an image of their own and then resources to create that Christmas feel. We read the Christmas story and talked a lot about how this is an important time of year for Christian people. We would normally be entertaining you all in the school hall with a nativity show but this year we will be doing a re telling of the first Christmas on Tapestry. The children have chosen who they would like to be in the nativity (an angel, Mary or even the camel) and have thought about what costume design they need for the virtual re tell. In phonics we have been learning the sounds **g,c ,k, u,e,r,b**. We have learnt tricky words **no, go**. In maths we have been exploring numbers to 5 and also positional language (e.g. next to, behind, in front of). The children used these ideas very creatively in PE this week on a range of different equipment. It is usually this time of year that Reception go on their first school trip – to the theatre. Sadly we are not able to do that this year but the reception team did not want the children to miss out on a theatre experience! So we brought the theatre to them. They were the audience for a 'one day only' performance of 'Going on an elf hunt' – a version that the children actually wrote themselves. Leopards and Tigers were a great audience and gave the Oscar worthy cast a thumbs up.

Next week:

The final week of the autumn term and it will be a busy one. Mrs Myer (Year 2 TA), who the children have seen a few times this term will be retiring so we will be making a very special goodbye card and video for her. The children will be designing and creating their costumes for the roles they will play in our virtual re telling of the Christmas Story. We will carry on our phonics learning with some more new sounds and showing off some of these reading and writing skills as the children will write their Christmas card all by themselves. In understanding the world we will be talking about Christmas traditions that are familiar to us and some of those around the world.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday – last day for Christmas cards.

They will be sent home on Friday

Friday -Christmas jumper day. To be worn with the rest of the uniform

Ideas for home

Talk about the Christmas story. Watch a version on line. Talk about all the different people and creatures in the story.

Talk about your own Christmas traditions. What do you do and why?

Other bits:

NO PE NEXT WEEK, so no need to return the kits on Monday. We shall see them after Christmas holidays.

Pink books - Some children will start to bring these home. These will replace Library books given out on a Friday and the grey books on a Monday. More information can be found in the reading record books.

Have a great, safe weekend. The Reception team