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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2 2016

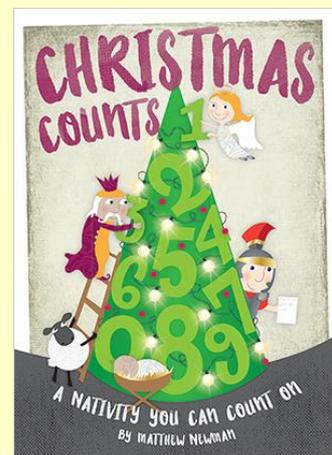
Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term, we have been really pleased with how well the children have settled back into school, they are coming into the Reception playground confidently and independently. Thank you for your support with this. The children are enjoying using our outside area and are outdoors in all weathers, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the cold weather this half term.

Our topic this term is 'seasons and celebrations'. We will be exploring the changes in nature and patterns we can see in the environment. We will be using natural objects to make collages and pictures using a range of stories as a stimulus for our activities. The children are making good progress with their letters and sound recognition and are starting to apply them in their reading and writing. Please continue to practise all of the sounds we have taught so far and encourage your children to read and write the tricky words. Please ensure that you sign the reading record when you have read with your child.

In maths we will be focusing on number recognition, ordering numbers and finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number.

Christmas Performance

Our performance this year will be 'Christmas counts' on Thursday 15th December. We will be starting to practise the songs in our classes and the children are excited about performing in front of their parents. We will be sending out costumes details in the next few weeks.



Dates for your Diary

**Parents Evening- Monday 7th
November (early appointments),
Wednesday 9th November (late
appointments).**

**Christmas performance-Thursday
15th December (Time tbc)**

How you can help

If you are having a clear out of old toys, the Reception and Nursery would welcome any "small world" toys such as pirates, knights, dolls, fairies etc.. The children enjoy using playdough in class and we would like to teach them how to make it with us. We would be grateful for any donations of playdough ingredients such as flour, oil, salt and cream of tartar.

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you: we will be looking for parent volunteers to read with children starting in January. If you can spare an hour once a week and would like to help out please let us know and speak to the office regarding obtaining an enhanced disclosure for helping out in school. We may require additional help with specific activities, events or trips during the year. Any help big or small would be much appreciated.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to e-mail us at:

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