

Please remember these will all be found online from now on.

This week in Reception

We have had a fantastic week in Reception getting into the holiday spirit! On Tuesday the whole of Reception got to see a visiting storyteller perform The Gingerbread Man. Some of the children were even chosen to act in the story!

I'm sure you'll agree that the children were incredible in our Christmas performances on Wednesday! They had practised so much beforehand and were very excited to show you what they had learnt. Even the few children who got stage fright on the day, still enjoyed the preparations and were proud to take part.

Back in the classrooms, the children have been creating Christmas and winter crafts including salt dough decorations and Christmas cards. We have also been following the misadventures of our visiting cheeky elves... who knows what they'll do next??

Our new word of the week has been '**creative**', which sums up perfectly what's been going on at school.

Number

In Number, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of 2D shapes and their properties, subitising small amounts of objects ("don't count, say the amount!") and playing matching games using fingers, Numicon and cubes.

Little Wandle Phonics

This week has been all about consolidating everything learnt to date. The three classes have done this slightly differently, depending on what each class would benefit from practising. This has included playing games on PhonicsPlay and BusyThings, practising writing on whiteboards, practising blending (with and without the help of a puppet!) and revising the tricky words.

We have not done group reading this week as we have taken the opportunity to do 1:1 phonics games with each child. This will continue into next week.

Next Week

Next week will be a very exciting week for your child as this will include the staff panto (Monday), Christmas lunch (Monday), class Christmas parties (Wednesday afternoon) and a range of festive activities in the classrooms. Please see the sign-up sheet for class party food outside your child's class. We would be grateful for any food donations if you are able to help.

Ideas for home learning

We're sure you will have noticed that your children are extra tired at the moment in the busy run up to the Christmas holidays. With this in mind, we only suggest that you keep reading regularly with your child (doing your best to ensure that it is a fun or relaxing activity for you all).

Reminders:

- Reading days: The Kilmore book bag, books and journal are sent home each Friday and **MUST always be returned on a Monday every week**. This is to ensure that we have enough books in school for the following week's reading groups.

Requests:

- Please name **all clothing** including boots
- Please send your child with **a coat every day**, no matter what the forecast

Dates for the Diary:

- Monday 12th December: Staff panto (for the children only!) - Paul Pan: The Boy Who Couldn't Fly
- Monday 12th December: School Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 14th December: Reception class parties in the afternoon (children only). Please see the sign-up sheet for food items outside your child's class. We would be grateful for any food donations if you are able to do so.
- **Friday 16th December: Early close – Children to be picked up at 2pm**

The Reception Team



