Friday 15th December 2023
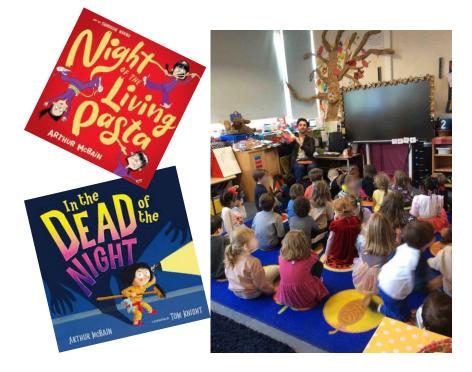
This week in Reception:

We have almost made it to the end of the autumn term and what a busy, fun and exciting first term it's been! The children have settled into school life incredibly well and come in each day with tons of enthusiasm for learning and an eagerness to be here.

This week, the children have continued getting into the Christmas spirit. They have enjoyed making winter decorations and Christmas cards in preparation for the holidays and have been excited to find out what their cheeky elf has been getting up to each morning. The children were very excited on Monday as the children's book author, Arthur McBain, came to visit each class to read some of his stories. They loved learning about what it meant to be an author and asking him lots of questions about the books he had written.

Home learning ideas:

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 and relaxing activity for you both).

Reminders

- **Book Bags:** We will be keeping hold of your child's book bag until the beginning of next week, when we will send it home along with their spare clothes bag and any pictures they have in their trays. We will not be providing reading books for this weekend as we are focusing on replenishing our stock of books. If you have any of our phonics books at home, please return these to us before the end of the term.
- **End of Term:** The last day of term will be **Wednesday 20th December** and Reception should be picked up at the following times.
    - Lions: 1.50pm
    - Tigers: 1.55pm
    - Bears: 2.00pm

We hope you have a lovely break over the Christmas holidays and look forward to seeing all the children back in the new year!