

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 12th January 2024

This week in Reception:

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely and restful break. The children have had a brilliant week and have settled straight back into the routines of the day. Many of them were really excited to tell us all about all the exciting things they got up to over the holidays and about how they celebrated the festivities with their families.

This week in Reception, we have been using the excitement of the holidays to help guide our learning. The children have enjoyed talking about the New Year and how it is celebrated. The children have been creating paintings of fireworks and have been writing about their wishes for the new year ahead. Here are some lovely examples from Tigers class!

- ★ "I wish for my birthday" - Kezia
- ★ I wish to do more reading" - Lucia
- ★ "I wish for Halloween" - Seth

Phonics:

This week in phonics we have been reviewing the sounds taught during last term and have continued practicing blending sounds together to read words. The children have been enjoying practicing these through games such as 'pop it in the bin' and phonics noughts and crosses.

Please visit the Kilmore School Website for more information about phonics and follow the link to the Little Wandle site, where you can find lots of parent information about how we teach this programme.

Maths / Number:

This week in number, each class has been focusing on a variety of mathematical skills. In Tigers and Lions, the children have been practising the formation of numbers from 1-10 and have also been learning about the number bonds to 5 and how these can be represented using part-part whole models and numicon. Bears have been practising creating, telling and recording their own number stories by adding different groups of objects together (such as different small world animals).

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Teachers covering

During our planning and preparation time (Thursday afternoons) this term we will have the following staff covering our class,

Tigers – Megha

Bears – Maria

Lions – Ashleigh

Home learning ideas:

- Can your child make a 12-month calendar and draw a picture for each of the four seasons?
- Go on a winter walk and see if you can spot any signs of winter (ice, robins, branches, clouds etc.).
- Ask your child to spot tricky words in some of their favourite books.

Reminders

- We are currently in hat, glove and scarf season! Where possible, could you label your child's clothes to try and help minimise the loss of small items during this time.
- This week in Reception we focused on settling the children back in the class and reviewed the expectations and routines for the classroom. Next week, the children will begin their weekly reading programme in school once more.

School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

