



Reception Parent Information for the Week Beginning 18th November 2024

Important Information

Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st of November.

Our **Christmas Carol Concert** on Monday 9th December at 9:15am. On this day children can wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform.

Reading with your child.

Please ensure that your child reads their reading books every day and that you sign the reading record so that we can change the books every Monday. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the books and if they are not confident with blending yet, to try and say the sounds they recognize in the words. Please also ensure that reading books and reading records are placed in the maroon bags and brought to school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Phonics



Each week the children will be learning two new sounds using Floppy Phonics. They will learn the names of the letters and the sounds they make when we read them. They will also practice recognising them in words and writing them in their phonics sheets.

We have already learnt about the sounds 's', 'a' 't' 'p' 'i' 'n' 'm' 'd' 'g' 'o' 'c' 'k' 'ck' 'e' 'u' 'r' 'h' 'b'. Next week will be 'f' and 'ff'.

Literacy



In Literacy, we are now focusing on the story '**The Jolly Christmas Postman**'. We have been focusing on and discussing the key vocabulary in the story. Next week we will be creating a story map of the story.



Maths

In maths, this week we will focus on 1 more and 1 less than a given number as well as the composition of numbers 4 and 5.



Our new topic in RE is Prophecy and Promise. In this topic, we will focus on the Nativity Story. Next week we will explore and discuss with the children that God chose a humble stable for the birthplace of his son. We will explain that Mary had to use a manger for Jesus to sleep in.

Reading Books



Your child will be given new reading books every Monday. These books are designed to help your child with new vocabulary and to build their comprehension skills. **Remember to read with your child every day and sign the reading record.** Even if the books don't have words, encourage your child to describe what they can see in the pictures using full sentences (i.e. I can see a dog splashing in the pond). Demonstrate to your child how to describe the pictures and also encourage them to use their imagination to tell you what they think they would hear or smell if they were in the picture.

School Uniform



Winter uniform is to be worn every day including ties (we understand the clips can be a little tricky so adding elastic has proved helpful for many). Please make sure your child has a coat appropriate for the weather conditions.

Please send your child to school with their **maroon** book bag **every day with their reading book and reading record book inside.**

Black book bags only come to school on a **Monday**, and this is used to take home a **library book.**

Remember to send your child with a water bottle every day.

Most importantly, **PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING.**

Please also bring in a labelled pair of wellie boots if you have not done so already.

Fine Motor Donations

It is not long until Christmas and we are already getting into the Christmas spirit. If you have any spare Christmas arts and craft resources, we would be very grateful.

Here are some suggestions:

- Wrapping paper
- Ribbons
- Sequins
- Glitter
- Buttons
- Lollipop sticks
- Pom poms
- Pipe cleaners

Thank you very much for your continued support.

We will endeavour to answer any questions at the end of a school day but it can be quite rushed as we have so many children and parents. Please use the following email to contact your class teacher if you have any questions or queries:

reception@olopprimary.co.uk



We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Arampatzi and Miss Chapman