



## Reception Parent Information for the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

This week the children have been mastering the art of sorting numbers 4 and 5, as well as developing their subitising skills up to 5. In the festive spirit, the children have been immersed in Christmas crafts, creating beautiful decorations and spreading joy. The magic of the season extends to the heart-warming exploration of the Nativity story. Our young actors have done an exceptional job bringing the story to life, using masks and props. The class post office has been abuzz with activity as the children enthusiastically wrote letters to Santa. Imagine the joy when they received a special reply, all the way from the North Pole!

### Uniform and book bags

- Please send your child to school with a suitable coat and a pair of clearly labelled wellies.
- Parents are welcome to provide a bag of spare clothes, as sometimes children may need to change, due to engaging in messy/water play throughout the day.
- Please send your child to school with their reading books in their maroon book bag every day. Reading books will continue to be changed on Thursday's. Starting Autumn 2 the black book bag needs to be returned on Friday's this is to be used to take home a library book.
- Remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle every day.

### Floppy Phonics

In our phonics sessions, the children have been diligently exploring the sounds 'le' and 'ss'. The children are continuing to make good progress in recognising and using these sounds in their reading and writing activities.

Next week the children will be focusing on the 'j' and 'v' phonemes.

To further support your child's phonics journey, we encourage you to continue reading and writing CVC/CVCC. (C-Consonant, V-Vowel)

Here are ten words for you to practise with your child:

Little, muddle, pickle, dress, mess, bless, cuddle, hiss, boss and less.

### Reading Books

We would recommend your child should read each day in addition to being read too. Reading is more than simply reciting the text on the page. Please create discussions regarding what your child has read with comprehensive questions.

Questions such as

(Vocabulary) What does the word..... mean?

Can you retell and sequence the story?

(Prediction) Can you predict what might happen next?

(Inference) Why do you think....

(Explain) Can you explain how that character may be feeling?

(Retrieval) Where in the story would I find the information about.....? Beginning, middle, end.

### PE

Our PE sessions have been full of Christmas cheer as the children dance happily to holiday music. They're doing a great job following directions, moving together, and being aware of the friends around them. We're impressed with how they respect each other's personal space while having fun. It's not just about dancing; these sessions teach teamwork and kindness, making our Christmas celebrations extra special! 🎅🧑🏻🧑🏻

**Reminders**

A polite reminder that children should be bringing water only in their water bottles.

We would be grateful for any contributions of Christmas decorations to enhance our classroom. Your generous donations will help create a festive atmosphere, allowing us to engage and teach the children about the joy of Christmas in a vibrant and decorated environment. Thank you for your support!

As we are now in the season of Autumn, please ensure children come to school with a suitable coat, as we go out in all weathers.

Starting Autumn 2 Library books will be changed on a Friday. Reading books will continue to be changed on Thursday's.

We encourage you to continue engaging with your child about their school experiences. Ask them about their favourite subjects and activities and listen to their stories with interest. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in their educational journey.

The Christmas concert is scheduled for December 4th at 9:15 am. Both Reception classes will unite for the event, and adults are invited to attend. The venue for the concert is St. Joseph Classroom. The gate will be opened at 9:10am to allow parents time to walk to the classroom. Please arrive promptly as the gate will be shut at 9:15am. A letter will be sent to all parents containing further details.

**Contacting your Reception class teacher**

If you would like to talk with your Reception Teacher about any queries, please feel free to talk to us at the end of the day, after we have finished dismissing all the children.

Any other queries can be sent to the email address below.

[reception@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:reception@olopprimary.co.uk)

Kind regards,

Miss Kelly and Mrs Bainbridge