



## Nursery Parent Information for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The children absolutely loved performing for you all in their Christmas concert last Monday. It was wonderful to invite you into the nursery classroom and share some festive joy with you all. I'm sure you agree with me that they did amazingly singing to you all and should be very proud of themselves. I would also like to extend my thanks to all the families that came and watched the Nursery in their performances it was a wonderful show at both performances which created a supportive atmosphere for the children to perform in.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December is the last day for Nursery before the Christmas holidays. On their last day the children will be watching a short Christmas movie and enjoying a treat of some popcorn as a well done for filling our kindness jar up to the top with wooden hearts from all of the kind deeds and good sharing and playing, they have been doing in the nursery over the half term.**

**If you do not want your child having popcorn, please do inform a member of the Nursery team.**



### School Uniform and bags

- The weather is getting colder so please remember to send your child in with a suitable coat and hat and mittens as we play and learn outside daily.
- If you have not done so already, please send your child in with a pair of clearly labelled wellies.
- Please label your child's uniform. Please may we also ask that children wear school shoes, not trainers.
- Please provide a bag of spare clothes, as sometime children may need to change, due to a toileting accident/ 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. They take home letters and any crafts they have done in their book bags too.
- Remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle every day.

## Phonics



This half term we will continue to look at phase 1 elements of phonics in addition to learning our first few phonics sounds.

This week we are learning the sound 'm' as in man. We will be looking at different pages from the online Floppy Phonics books and seeing where we can find images that begin with the 'm' sound. We will be writing the letter by following these directions (start at the top go down, up and over down, up over down and flick). We will be looking at words and use our robot voices to sound them out for example m-a-t mat



Please remember to read with your child and sign their reading record book each time. Please bring the reading record and book in daily in the maroon book bag. Children's books will be changed on **Thursdays**.

Please note this week the reading books will be collected in. Please read a range of books with your child over the holidays and share verbal stories with them also for example 'The night before Christmas'. Write the books you have shared with them in their reading record and anything they may have said about the pictures in the books you have been sharing.

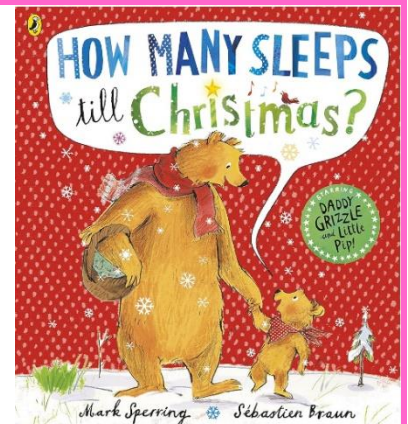
The lilac books are wordless to build up spoken vocabulary and storytelling language. Discuss the pictures in the book and allow them to make up the story from what they can see encouraging the use of full sentences. There are also comprehension questions at the backs of the books which will give you an idea of some of the questions you can ask your child when reading with them.

## Literacy



This week we will be talking about the nativity story and sharing a range of different festive texts and songs with the Nursery Children including how many sleeps till Christmas and the 12 days of Christmas

**At home share traditional Christmas stories with your children including those that are special to your culture.**



## Maths



In maths this week we will be completing a range of different winter and Christmas themed number and shape activities recapping the learning we have done in maths over the half term such as counting the pom-pom baubles on to the Christmas tree using tweezers.

**At home sing lots of different number songs and rhymes and count down the days till Christmas**



RE



This week in RE we will be thinking back on all of the different things we have been learning on our topic of Prophecy and Promise this half term. We will think about the nativity story and advent and engage in a range of different festive activities and crafts. We will be asking the children what they wonder about for example what do angels look like?



**At home think about how you prepare and celebrate at this time of year. How can you give back to the community at this time of year and give thanks for all you have?**

We will endeavour to answer any questions at pick up times throughout the Nursery 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: [nursery@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:nursery@olopprimary.co.uk)

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and the nursery staff look forward to the fun filled festive week we will be having in the run up to Christmas in the Nursery.

Best wishes

Miss Petford, Ms Richardson and Mrs Featherstone

