

Reception Newsletter 1.12.17

We have had a fantastic two weeks learning the Three Billy Goats Gruff story, then changing the characters and the setting. We had fabulous ideas such as Winnie the Witch going to McDonalds and Batman going to the funfair! We have been practising for our Christmas play, *Cock-a-Doodle Christmas*, and encouraging the children to join in with the singing. If they have a line, we have been encouraging them to say it loudly and clearly. If you have not got your ticket/s for the performance yet, you can still get these from the school office.



We have now started streaming for phonics.

Moonbeam: learning the sounds **or, oi, er, ow** for week 1 and **ear, air, ur, er** for week 2. The children will use these sounds to write simple words and sentences.

Sunshine: listening and tuning into sounds. Reading and writing **CVC words** for week 1 using **e, h, b, f** and using **ff, l, ll, ss** for week 2.

Rainbow: reading and writing **CVC words** and captions using the sounds **ai, ee, igh, oa** for week 1 and **oo/oo, ar, or** for week 2.

Learning to write the words:

the to go no I

Maths

Carrying on combining two groups of objects e.g. while out shopping, if I have 6 bananas and you have 3, how many do we have **altogether**? Can you write this as a number sentence? E.g. $6+3=9$



Christmas Play - Thursday 14th
December at 1:30pm OR Friday
15th December at 10:00am

Rainbow - Laura Dunphy with Ana-Doris Garcia and Nicola Laterza.

Sunshine - Angela Uzor with Mercedes Sullivan, Amy McGuigan and Stef Gray

Moonbeam - Emily Bull with Anastasia Sotiriou

Early Years Educator - Sandra La Touche, working throughout the setting.

Our topic for the next two weeks will be finding out about the celebration of Christmas. We will read the Christmas story and find out about Christian beliefs. We will make Christmas cards; write letters to elves and Santa; make a variety of Christmas and winter crafts, and create some reindeer calendars which will be sold at the Christmas Fair. If you are free to volunteer on our stall for an hour, please let your class teacher know.



Key vocabulary:

- Christmas
- Christians, Jesus, Mary, Joseph
- Santa, Rudolph
- Presents, cards, Christmas tree
- Winter, snow, cold

Books to read:

- The Christmas story
- The Elves and The Shoemaker
- The Stickman
- The Christmas Postman
- Aliens Love Panta Claus
- Jack Frost

Ideas to do at home:

- Writing a winter wish - things that your child might like to wish for e.g. 'I wish I had a magic wand so I can make spells' or, 'I wish I could fly like a bird so I could fly to the moon.'
- Make a snowflake by firstly folding a piece of square paper in half and then half again. Then cutting out shapes from around the outside and opening it up. You have then made a snowflake!

If your child does complete any of these activities, please encourage them to hand it in to their teacher to share with the rest of the class.

Possible visits for you and your child:

- Winterfest at Crystal Palace
- Southbank Christmas Market
- Stickman at Leicester Square Theatre
- Bessemer Christmas Fair - Saturday 9th December