

Reception Newsletter 17.12.20

Well done to all of Reception for completing your first term of school. We have had such an exciting time. In particular, over the last two weeks Reception have had lots of fun decorating and writing cards, making winter decorations and writing wishes for the new year. The children have also been busy learning winter songs which we have recorded for you to watch on the website.

Phonics

Please continue to read every day to your child and practise talking in a 'robot voice' to support them with blending i.e. 'p-e-n' for pen. Help your child to practise recognising letters and words in the environment, i.e. reading signs and labels at supermarkets, road signs, toy packaging. After reading a book, can your child talk about the characters and setting within the story? Can you and your child play I spy?



Moonbeam and Rainbow: Can you practise the phase 2 sounds s a t p i n g o c k.

Sunshine: Can you practise the phase 3 sounds j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo ar or

Practise writing the words:

is it if in at as and can a the to no go I into of went

Maths

Over the holidays can you explore the days of the week and daily routines? In particular looking at the language used to describe when events happen e.g. day, night, morning, before after, today and tomorrow.

Ideas for home:

Can the children make their own visual timetable of their daily routine? Can they discuss what they are doing now, next, later?



Whilst cooking, can the children use pictures to follow a recipe. Can the children sequence and discuss what they are doing now and what instruction will be next?

Key vocabulary:

- Day
- Night
- Morning
- Night
- Before
- After
- Today
- Tomorrow

Stories to read:

- Peace at Last by Jill Murphy.
- Day Monkey, Night Monkey by Julia Donaldson.
- Funnybones by Janet and Allen Alberg.

Songs to sing:

- Days of the week song

Ideas to do at home

Encourage your child to draw a picture of something they have done in the holidays and write labels or a sentence to explain what they have done.



Make some gingerbread men or Christmas cookies, encourage your child to talk about the changes that happen as you mix and change the ingredients together or if you're feeling adventurous you can make some mud mince pies.

Go on a winter walk and talk about things you can see, hear and feel.

We looking forward to seeing you all after the winter break to continue learning and having fun!

Many thanks,
The Reception team.

Rainbow -Laura Dunphy with Ana-Doris Garcia

Sunshine - Olivia Howard with Holly McDonagh

Moonbeam - Emily Bull with Sevinc Yukselir

Sandra La Touche working throughout the setting.