



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Reception 02 December 2013

Important Information

- **Thank you** to everyone for coming to our ‘Tapestry’ Learning Journal Event. The journals will be updated regularly and please do comment or add things that your child is doing at home. The children really did enjoy looking at these for the first time.
- Our Christmas Nativity production of the ‘**Sleepy Shepherd**’ is fast approaching. By now you should have received information about what part your child is to play in the production and what they are to wear. Please can you bring your child’s costume to school by Monday 2 December. Please put it in a bag with your child’s name clearly written on it.

Learning Theme of the week



Next week we will set up a **Post Office** for the children. Most of our activities and learning will be based around exploring the post office. The children will be writing and sending Christmas cards to each other and friends and family. They will also be using our construction area to make and build toys and learn how to wrap them at our ‘present wrapping station’. The children will need to make their own wrapping paper and will be encouraged to create patterns on their paper to make it individual and unique. This is a great opportunity for us to reintroduce the idea of pattern and repeated pattern. These presents will need to be weighed, and stamps will need to be bought!

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Mathematics

- They recognise, create and describe patterns.
- Children order two or three items by weight.
- Children use everyday language to talk about weight and money.

Expressive arts and design

- Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them.

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Phonics

We have had another really successful week in phonics. The children have been working hard to consolidate their knowledge and some have learnt new sounds and words. Please continue to practice your child's key words and sounds from their yellow and blue bags. Even a quick practice at home from time to time really does make a difference to your child.

Mandarin

This week the children will be learning about weather. We also review the numbers and shapes.

Vocabulary: weather 天气(tianqi) sunny 晴天(qingtian) rainy 雨天(yutian)
Cloudy 多云(duoyun) snowy 雪天(xuetian)

Dutch

We keken deze week erg uit naar de komst van Sinterklaas en zijn Pieten! We leerden over de Sint, we lazen heel wat verhalen, we luisterden, zongen en dansten mee met de leukste sinterklaasliedjes. De Pieten Sinterklaasmove lukt ons al aardig!

We kregen ook een brief van Sinterklaas en de Bakpiet. In het Pietenhuis was het niet pluis. Bakpiet had niet opgelet en de letters veel te lang in de oven gezet. Daarom vroeg de Sint ons om wat te helpen. En prachtige speculaasletters hebben we dus gebakken in de klas...

Can you help?

Thank you for the junk modeling materials we have been receiving. We are always grateful for extras!

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Reception Team.