



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Reception 09 December 2013

Important Information

- Our Christmas production of **‘The Sleepy Shepherd’** will be on **Tuesday 11 December at 9.15am**. The children are so excited to share with you what they been rehearsing for. We look forward to seeing you all there!
- **Thursday 13 December is our Reception Christmas party** day. Children are to come to school in their school uniforms. Please send your child to school with their ‘party clothes’ clearly labeled in a bag. We will get them changed for the party and Christmas Lunch at lunch time.
- **Friday 14 December** is the last day of school. The children will be able to have an extended ‘Golden Time’ on this day if they have earned it! Please ensure your child remembers their ‘Golden time’ toy. Thank you.
- The children have voted that they would like to learn more about **dragons and castles** next term. If anybody has any lovely books/toys/pictures of castles from the holiday, please send them into school at the beginning of next term. We would love to share them with everyone!
- Please return or renew all library books before the holidays. Children may borrow books from the library over the holiday period this year. Lost or damaged books will be charged as per the library loans policy.

Learning Theme of the week



This week the majority of our learning will be based around getting ready for our Christmas party on Thursday. The children will be busy writing party invitations, buying stamps from our post office, weighing and sending them. The classrooms will be a busy hive of activity, making and creating all the decorations for our party. We will also be discussing with the children what they have enjoyed most about their first term in Reception and what they would like to learn more about next term. It’s been a busy term!

Some of the main learning intentions taught and explored will be:

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Children 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.

- Children speak using past and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.

Mathematics

- Children order two or three items by weight.
- Children use everyday language to talk about weight and money.

Expressive arts and design

- Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes.

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. Next week all of the phonics groups will consolidate what we have learnt over the term.

Mandarin

This week the children will be talking about Christmas and New Year. We will also review everything we have learnt this term.

Vocabulary: Merry Christmas 圣诞快乐 (shengdankuaile) Presents 礼物(liwu)
Christmas tree 圣诞树 (sheng dan shu) Reindeer 驯鹿 (xun lu)

Dutch

Deze week waren we nog steeds in de ban van Sinterklaas. Op aanraden van de Sint hebben we dan ook onze schoen geknutseld. We waren vrijdag super benieuwd of er iets in ons schoentje lag. En ja hoor... Sinterklaas was de stoere jongens van reception niet vergeten. Hij heeft nog wat snoepgoed achtergelaten vooraleer hij terug naar Spanje vertrok.

We keken in het boek "Sinterklaas prentenboek" van Charlotte Dematons en vonden zelf de leukste verhalen uit.

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.