



Reception Newsletter



Friday 1st December 2023

I can't believe we are in the month of December so soon!

The children went to mass today to celebrate the beginning of Advent. They sat beautifully and listened really well to Father John and all the special readings by Year 2.

Reception Nativity

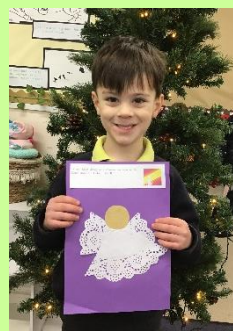
A reminder our class Nativity will take place on Thursday 7th December at 9.15am – all parents / grandparents welcome. Thank you so much for your very kind and rapid response to our halo request – we should now have eight very happy angels on stage! The children have been practising this week and have done a fantastic job so far – I can guarantee you will be super proud of them next week. We will perform our dress rehearsal for the whole school on Tuesday morning.

What have we been up to this week?

- We read the story of 'The Farm concert' and spent time sequencing the story and thinking about speech in the text. We chose our favourite animals from the story to write about...



- In Maths we have been learning about the 2D shapes circles and triangles; identifying and naming, properties, shapes in the environment, positions. I have attached a home learning activity to give ideas on how to reinforce this learning at home.
- In RE we learned that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus (The Annunciation). We know that God used the Angel Gabriel to take his message to Mary...

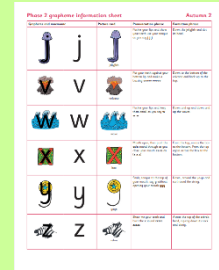












Phonics

We have been learning these sounds: **ng nk**

We have been practising all of this term's tricky words

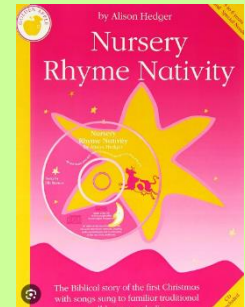
I have attached an Autumn 2 sounds sheet - please refer to this when supporting your child at home with articulation and letter formation.



Phase 2 phonics information sheet	Autumn 2
 j	 j
 v	 v
 w	 w
 x	 x
 y	 y
 z	 z

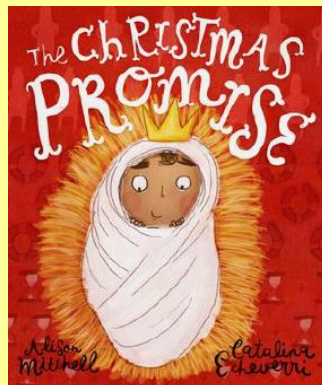
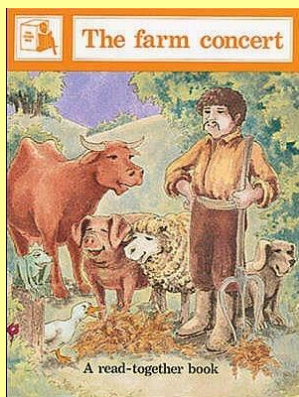
Next week we will be...

- Continuing to prepare for our class Nativity performance (Thursday 7th December)
- Learning that Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem
- In phonics we will be revising all phase 2 sounds and words, and we will be assessing the children to check reading books are accurately matched to the children's ability.
- In maths we will be looking at the composition of numbers 1-5
- Starting to make the first of our Christmas crafts.



Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books and rhymes we have been enjoying this week)



Please click this link for all our nursery rhyme videos (we love them!)
[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Important Dates

Friday 15th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Friday 15th – Elfridges (PTA school hall)

Monday 18th December – KS2 Carol concert (church)

Thursday 21st December - End of term 12.00

Have a lovely weekend!