

## EYFS Christmas Class Newsletter!!

The Christmas Holidays are upon us, it is time for some relaxation, fun and quality family time. The children have worked incredibly hard all term and the progress they have made is absolutely amazing.

I am incredibly proud of all of them!



*First Day Together*

It's been a super Autumn term in Reception! I can't believe how far we have come already since our first days in school. Our learning about our world began when we took the time to settle in and get to know each other for who we are.

Our topic of Bookworms took us to the magical world of traditional tales and the different characters and settings we might find. We have learnt to be 'powerful predictors' by using the pictures and the words to think about what might happen next.

We have been Autumn explorers investigating the changes this season brings, the foods we harvest and the wonderful world of the woodland. We have observed and experienced the enchanting autumnal environment in the outdoors, collecting autumn treasures as we crunched through piles of fallen leaves. We have learnt all about woodland habitats and the living things that we might find there.

More recently we have embarked on a journey to a Winter wonderland, thinking about the changes this season brings and the importance of Christmas to many people around the world. We have explored the Christmas story and learnt songs that help us to remember this time in history.

The children have loved immersing in our magical Christmas classroom. From decorating Christmas trees, to building and wrapping toys in Santa's workshop, exploring the small world of Antarctica in our Arctic boat and modelling Christmas cookies out of clay. The children have posted letters for the Jolly Postman to deliver and have looked out for our mischievous Christmas Elf. 😊

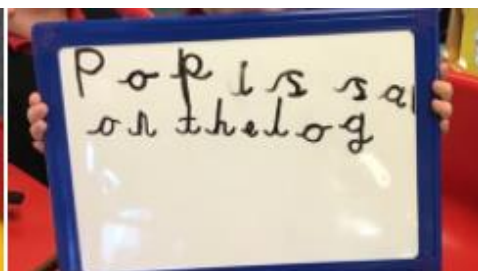
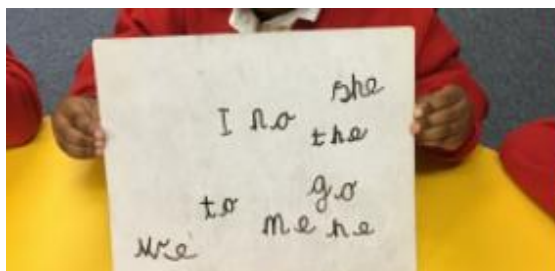


*Woods, Worms and Wandering Wellies*

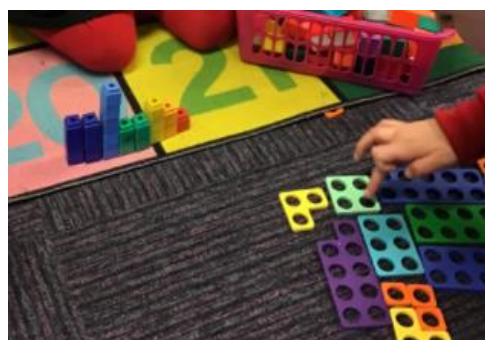


*Winter Wonderland*





In phonics we have now learnt so many phonemes and diagraphs! The children are working super hard to use their sound knowledge to write words. We practice using our tricky words song each day to remember and write them. The children have tried super hard with their cursive letter formation too!



There have been some marvellous maths moments this term as we have explored deep into the world of numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. We have learnt to spot and show these numbers in different ways. We have investigated doubling, halving and sharing of these numbers too. We have begun to look at whether each number we have learnt is odd or even and how we know this. The children have become amazing number explorers in the world around them, showing the different numbers they find each day. The children have enjoyed investigating each of our numbers with the help of the Numberblocks gang.

We have had so many memorable learning moments through exploring traditions and celebrations such as Diwali, Halloween and Remembrance Day. We also have considered and supported different charities and thought carefully about different people around that world that are in need during our days of Pudsey Children in Need, Jeans for Genes and world mental health.

We have made a fantastic start in P.E and outdoor learning from obstacle courses to ball skills and how woodland animals might scamper around their woodland habitats. The children have loved taking part in dough disco and GoNoodle times, dancing and singing along.

The children were fascinated by the dinosaur exhibition and got the children thinking about how the world has changed over time.



Finally, at the end of a fantastic and incredibly busy term, the children boogied the afternoon away to some Christmas tunes and had fun playing games at their Christmas Party, before watching Frozen with some yummy goodies. Not to mention a fantastic Christmas dinner too! Well done to all of you. Have a very Happy Christmas and to all of your parents, thank you for all your support, it is a pleasure teaching your children and I look forward to seeing them to continue our remarkable learning journey in the New Year!